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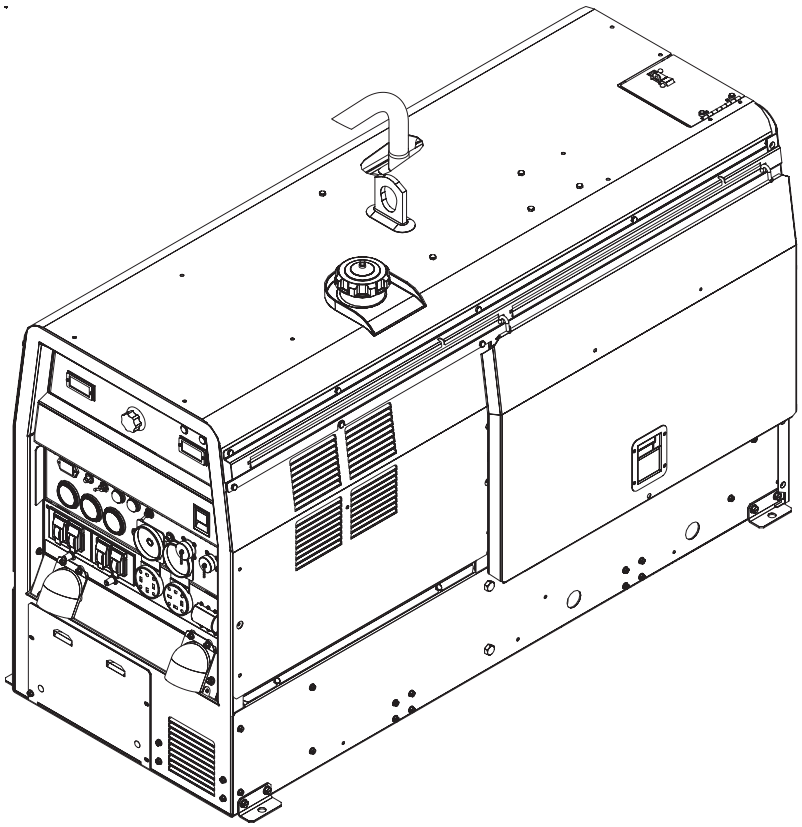
Safety Depends on You

Lincoln arc welding and cutting equipment is designed and built with safety in mind. However, your overall safety can be increased by proper installation ... and thoughtful operation on your part. **DO NOT INSTALL, OPERATE OR REPAIR THIS EQUIPMENT WITHOUT READING THIS MANUAL AND THE SAFETY PRECAUTIONS CONTAINED THROUGHOUT.** And, most importantly, think before you act and be careful.



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⚠ WARNING

CALIFORNIA PROPOSITION 65 WARNINGS

Diesel engine exhaust and some of its constituents are known to the State of California to cause cancer, birth defects, and other reproductive harm.

The Above For Diesel Engines

The engine exhaust from this product contains chemicals known to the State of California to cause cancer, birth defects, or other reproductive harm.

The Above For Gasoline Engines

ARC WELDING CAN BE HAZARDOUS. PROTECT YOURSELF AND OTHERS FROM POSSIBLE SERIOUS INJURY OR DEATH. KEEP CHILDREN AWAY. PACEMAKER WEARERS SHOULD CONSULT WITH THEIR DOCTOR BEFORE OPERATING.

Read and understand the following safety highlights. For additional safety information, it is strongly recommended that you purchase a copy of "Safety in Welding & Cutting - ANSI Standard Z49.1" from the American Welding Society, P.O. Box 351040, Miami, Florida 33135 or CSA Standard W117.2-1974. A Free copy of "Arc Welding Safety" booklet E205 is available from the Lincoln Electric Company, 22801 St. Clair Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio 44117-1199.

BE SURE THAT ALL INSTALLATION, OPERATION, MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR PROCEDURES ARE PERFORMED ONLY BY QUALIFIED INDIVIDUALS.

FOR ENGINE powered equipment.

1.a. Turn the engine off before troubleshooting and maintenance work unless the maintenance work requires it to be running.

1.b. Operate engines in open, well-ventilated areas or vent the engine exhaust fumes outdoors.

1.c. Do not add the fuel near an open flame welding arc or when the engine is running. Stop the engine and allow it to cool before refueling to prevent spilled fuel from vaporizing on contact with hot engine parts and igniting. Do not spill fuel when filling tank. If fuel is spilled, wipe it up and do not start engine until fumes have been eliminated.

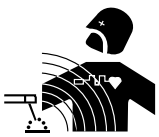
1.d. Keep all equipment safety guards, covers and devices in position and in good repair.Keep hands, hair, clothing and tools away from V-belts, gears, fans and all other moving parts when starting, operating or repairing equipment.

1.e. In some cases it may be necessary to remove safety guards to perform required maintenance. Remove guards only when necessary and replace them when the maintenance requiring their removal is complete. Always use the greatest care when working near moving parts.

1.f. Do not put your hands near the engine fan. Do not attempt to override the governor or idler by pushing on the throttle control rods while the engine is running.

1.g. To prevent accidentally starting gasoline engines while turning the engine or welding generator during maintenance work, disconnect the spark plug wires, distributor cap or magneto wire as appropriate.

1.h. To avoid scalding, do not remove the radiator pressure cap when the engine is hot.



ELECTRIC AND MAGNETIC FIELDS may be dangerous

2.a. Electric current flowing through any conductor causes localized Electric and Magnetic Fields (EMF). Welding current creates EMF fields around welding cables and welding machines

2.b. EMF fields may interfere with some pacemakers, and welders having a pacemaker should consult their physician before welding.

2.c. Exposure to EMF fields in welding may have other health effects which are now not known.

2.d. All welders should use the following procedures in order to minimize exposure to EMF fields from the welding circuit:

2.d.1. Route the electrode and work cables together - Secure them with tape when possible.

2.d.2. Never coil the electrode lead around your body.

2.d.3. Do not place your body between the electrode and work cables. If the electrode cable is on your right side, the work cable should also be on your right side.

2.d.4. Connect the work cable to the workpiece as close as possible to the area being welded.

2.d.5. Do not work next to welding power source.

ELECTRIC SHOCK can kill.

3.a. The electrode and work (or ground) circuits are electrically "hot" when the welder is on. Do not touch these "hot" parts with your bare skin or wet clothing. Wear dry, hole-free gloves to insulate hands.

3.b. Insulate yourself from work and ground using dry insulation. Make certain the insulation is large enough to cover your full area of physical contact with work and ground.

In addition to the normal safety precautions, if welding must be performed under electrically hazardous conditions (in damp locations or while wearing wet clothing; on metal structures such as floors, gratings or scaffolds; when in cramped positions such as sitting, kneeling or lying, if there is a high risk of unavoidable or accidental contact with the workpiece or ground) use the following equipment:

- **Semiautomatic DC Constant Voltage (Wire) Welder.**
- **DC Manual (Stick) Welder.**
- **AC Welder with Reduced Voltage Control.**

3.c. In semiautomatic or automatic wire welding, the electrode, electrode reel, welding head, nozzle or semiautomatic welding gun are also electrically "hot".

3.d. Always be sure the work cable makes a good electrical connection with the metal being welded. The connection should be as close as possible to the area being welded.

3.e. Ground the work or metal to be welded to a good electrical (earth) ground.

3.f. Maintain the electrode holder, work clamp, welding cable and welding machine in good, safe operating condition. Replace damaged insulation.

3.g. Never dip the electrode in water for cooling.

3.h. Never simultaneously touch electrically "hot" parts of electrode holders connected to two welders because voltage between the two can be the total of the open circuit voltage of both welders.

3.i. When working above floor level, use a safety belt to protect yourself from a fall should you get a shock.

3.j. Also see Items 6.c. and 8.

ARC RAYS can burn.

4.a. Use a shield with the proper filter and cover plates to protect your eyes from sparks and the rays of the arc when welding or observing open arc welding. Headshield and filter lens should conform to ANSI Z87. I standards.

4.b. Use suitable clothing made from durable flame-resistant material to protect your skin and that of your helpers from the arc rays.

4.c. Protect other nearby personnel with suitable, non-flammable screening and/or warn them not to watch the arc nor expose themselves to the arc rays or to hot spatter or metal.

FUMES AND GASES can be dangerous.

5.a. Welding may produce fumes and gases hazardous to health. Avoid breathing these fumes and gases. When welding, keep your head out of the fume. Use enough ventilation and/or exhaust at the arc to keep fumes and gases away from the breathing zone. **When welding with electrodes which require special ventilation such as stainless or hard facing (see instructions on container or MSDS) or on lead or cadmium plated steel and other metals or coatings which produce highly toxic fumes, keep exposure as low as possible and within applicable OSHA PEL and ACGIH TLV limits using local exhaust or mechanical ventilation. In confined spaces or in some circumstances, outdoors, a respirator may be required. Additional precautions are also required when welding on galvanized steel.**

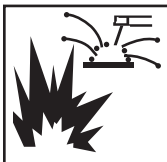
5. b. The operation of welding fume control equipment is affected by various factors including proper use and positioning of the equipment, maintenance of the equipment and the specific welding procedure and application involved. Worker exposure level should be checked upon installation and periodically thereafter to be certain it is within applicable OSHA PEL and ACGIH TLV limits.

5.c. Do not weld in locations near chlorinated hydrocarbon vapors coming from degreasing, cleaning or spraying operations. The heat and rays of the arc can react with solvent vapors to form phosgene, a highly toxic gas, and other irritating products.

5.d. Shielding gases used for arc welding can displace air and cause injury or death. Always use enough ventilation, especially in confined areas, to insure breathing air is safe.

5.e. Read and understand the manufacturer's instructions for this equipment and the consumables to be used, including the material safety data sheet (MSDS) and follow your employer's safety practices. MSDS forms are available from your welding distributor or from the manufacturer.

5.f. Also see item 1.b.



WELDING and CUTTING SPARKS can cause fire or explosion.

6.a. Remove fire hazards from the welding area. If this is not possible, cover them to prevent the welding sparks from starting a fire. Remember that welding sparks and hot materials from welding can easily go through small cracks and openings to adjacent areas. Avoid welding near hydraulic lines. Have a fire extinguisher readily available.

6.b. Where compressed gases are to be used at the job site, special precautions should be used to prevent hazardous situations. Refer to "Safety in Welding and Cutting" (ANSI Standard Z49.1) and the operating information for the equipment being used.

6.c. When not welding, make certain no part of the electrode circuit is touching the work or ground. Accidental contact can cause overheating and create a fire hazard.

6.d. Do not heat, cut or weld tanks, drums or containers until the proper steps have been taken to insure that such procedures will not cause flammable or toxic vapors from substances inside. They can cause an explosion even though they have been "cleaned". For information, purchase "Recommended Safe Practices for the Preparation for Welding and Cutting of Containers and Piping That Have Held Hazardous Substances", AWS F4.1 from the American Welding Society (see address above).

6.e. Vent hollow castings or containers before heating, cutting or welding. They may explode.

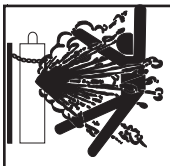
6.f. Sparks and spatter are thrown from the welding arc. Wear oil free protective garments such as leather gloves, heavy shirt, cuffless trousers, high shoes and a cap over your hair. Wear ear plugs when welding out of position or in confined places. Always wear safety glasses with side shields when in a welding area.

6.g. Connect the work cable to the work as close to the welding area as practical. Work cables connected to the building framework or other locations away from the welding area increase the possibility of the welding current passing through lifting chains, crane cables or other alternate circuits. This can create fire hazards or overheat lifting chains or cables until they fail.

6.h. Also see item 1.c.

6.I. Read and follow NFPA 51B " Standard for Fire Prevention During Welding, Cutting and Other Hot Work", available from NFPA, 1 Batterymarch Park, PO box 9101, Quincy, Ma 022690-9101.

6.j. Do not use a welding power source for pipe thawing.



CYLINDER may explode if damaged.

7.a. Use only compressed gas cylinders containing the correct shielding gas for the process used and properly operating regulators designed for the gas and pressure used. All hoses, fittings, etc. should be suitable for the application and maintained in good condition.

7.b. Always keep cylinders in an upright position securely chained to an undercarriage or fixed support.

7.c. Cylinders should be located:
- Away from areas where they may be struck or subjected to physical damage.
- A safe distance from arc welding or cutting operations and any other source of heat, sparks, or flame.

7.d. Never allow the electrode, electrode holder or any other electrically "hot" parts to touch a cylinder.

7.e. Keep your head and face away from the cylinder valve outlet when opening the cylinder valve.

7.f. Valve protection caps should always be in place and hand tight except when the cylinder is in use or connected for use.

7.g. Read and follow the instructions on compressed gas cylinders, associated equipment, and CGA publication P-l, "Precautions for Safe Handling of Compressed Gases in Cylinders," available from the Compressed Gas Association 1235 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, VA 22202.

FOR ELECTRICALLY powered equipment.

8.a. Turn off input power using the disconnect switch at the fuse box before working on the equipment.

8.b. Install equipment in accordance with the U.S. National Electrical Code, all local codes and the manufacturer's recommendations.

8.c. Ground the equipment in accordance with the U.S. National Electrical Code and the manufacturer's recommendations.

Refer to **http://www.lincolnelectric.com/safety** for additional safety information.

PRÉCAUTIONS DE SÛRETÉ

Pour votre propre protection lire et observer toutes les instructions et les précautions de sûreté specifiques qui parraissent dans ce manuel aussi bien que les précautions de sûreté générales suivantes:

Sûreté Pour Soudage A L'Arc

1. Protegez-vous contre la secousse électrique:

   a. Les circuits à l'électrode et à la piéce sont sous tension quand la machine à souder est en marche. Eviter toujours tout contact entre les parties sous tension et la peau nue ou les vétements mouillés. Porter des gants secs et sans trous pour isoler les mains.
   b. Faire trés attention de bien s'isoler de la masse quand on soude dans des endroits humides, ou sur un plancher metallique ou des grilles metalliques, principalement dans les positions assis ou couché pour lesquelles une grande partie du corps peut être en contact avec la masse.
   c. Maintenir le porte-électrode, la pince de masse, le câble de soudage et la machine à souder en bon et sûr état defonctionnement.
   d.Ne jamais plonger le porte-électrode dans l'eau pour le refroidir.
   e. Ne jamais toucher simultanément les parties sous tension des porte-électrodes connectés à deux machines à souder parce que la tension entre les deux pinces peut être le total de la tension à vide des deux machines.
   f. Si on utilise la machine à souder comme une source de courant pour soudage semi-automatique, ces precautions pour le porte-électrode s'applicuent aussi au pistolet de soudage.

2. Dans le cas de travail au dessus du niveau du sol, se protéger contre les chutes dans le cas ou on recoit un choc. Ne jamais enrouler le câble-électrode autour de n'importe quelle partie du corps.

3. Un coup d'arc peut être plus sévère qu'un coup de soliel, donc:

   a. Utiliser un bon masque avec un verre filtrant approprié ainsi qu'un verre blanc afin de se protéger les yeux du rayonnement de l'arc et des projections quand on soude ou quand on regarde l'arc.
   b. Porter des vêtements convenables afin de protéger la peau de soudeur et des aides contre le rayonnement de l'arc.
   c. Protéger l'autre personnel travaillant à proximité au soudage à l'aide d'écrans appropriés et non-inflammables.

4. Des gouttes de laitier en fusion sont émises de l'arc de soudage. Se protéger avec des vêtements de protection libres de l'huile, tels que les gants en cuir, chemise épaisse, pantalons sans revers, et chaussures montantes.

5. Toujours porter des lunettes de sécurité dans la zone de soudage. Utiliser des lunettes avec écrans lateraux dans les zones où l'on pique le laitier.

6. Eloigner les matériaux inflammables ou les recouvrir afin de prévenir tout risque d'incendie dû aux étincelles.

7. Quand on ne soude pas, poser la pince à une endroit isolé de la masse. Un court-circuit accidental peut provoquer un échauffement et un risque d'incendie.

8. S'assurer que la masse est connectée le plus prés possible de la zone de travail qu'il est pratique de le faire. Si on place la masse sur la charpente de la construction ou d'autres endroits éloignés de la zone de travail, on augmente le risque de voir passer le courant de soudage par les chaines de levage, câbles de grue, ou autres circuits. Cela peut provoquer des risques d'incendie ou d'echauffement des chaines et des câbles jusqu'à ce qu'ils se rompent.

9. Assurer une ventilation suffisante dans la zone de soudage. Ceci est particuliérement important pour le soudage de tôles galvanisées plombées, ou cadmiées ou tout autre métal qui produit des fumeés toxiques.

10. Ne pas souder en présence de vapeurs de chlore provenant d'opérations de dégraissage, nettoyage ou pistolage. La chaleur ou les rayons de l'arc peuvent réagir avec les vapeurs du solvant pour produire du phosgéne (gas fortement toxique) ou autres produits irritants.

11. Pour obtenir de plus amples renseignements sur la sûreté, voir le code "Code for safety in welding and cutting" CSA Standard W 117.2-1974.

PRÉCAUTIONS DE SÛRETÉ POUR LES MACHINES À SOUDER À TRANSFORMATEUR ET À REDRESSEUR

1. Relier à la terre le chassis du poste conformement au code de l'électricité et aux recommendations du fabricant. Le dispositif de montage ou la piece à souder doit être branché à une bonne mise à la terre.

2. Autant que possible, l'installation et l'entretien du poste seront effectués par un électricien qualifié.

3. Avant de faires des travaux à l'interieur de poste, la debrancher à l'interrupteur à la boite de fusibles.

4. Garder tous les couvercles et dispositifs de sûreté à leur place.

Thank You —

for selecting a **QUALITY** product by Lincoln Electric. We want you to take pride in operating this Lincoln Electric Company product ••• as much pride as we have in bringing this product to you!

CUSTOMER ASSISTANCE POLICY

The business of The Lincoln Electric Company is manufacturing and selling high quality welding equipment, consumables, and cutting equipment. Our challenge is to meet the needs of our customers and to exceed their expectations. On occasion, purchasers may ask Lincoln Electric for advice or information about their use of our products. We respond to our customers based on the best information in our possession at that time. Lincoln Electric is not in a position to warrant or guarantee such advice, and assumes no liability, with respect to such information or advice. We expressly disclaim any warranty of any kind, including any warranty of fitness for any customer's particular purpose, with respect to such information or advice. As a matter of practical consideration, we also cannot assume any responsibility for updating or correcting any such information or advice once it has been given, nor does the provision of information or advice create, expand or alter any warranty with respect to the sale of our products.

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Please Examine Carton and Equipment For Damage Immediately

When this equipment is shipped, title passes to the purchaser upon receipt by the carrier. Consequently, Claims for material damaged in shipment must be made by the purchaser against the transportation company at the time the shipment is received.

Please record your equipment identification information below for future reference. This information can be found on your machine nameplate.

Product _____

Model Number _____

Code Number or Date Code_____

Serial Number_____

Date Purchased_____

Where Purchased_____

Whenever you request replacement parts or information on this equipment, always supply the information you have recorded above. The code number is especially important when identifying the correct replacement parts.

On-Line Product Registration

- Register your machine with Lincoln Electric either via fax or over the Internet.
  - For faxing: Complete the form on the back of the warranty statement included in the literature packet accompanying this machine and fax the form per the instructions printed on it.
  - For On-Line Registration: Go to our **WEB SITE at www.lincolnelectric.com.** Choose "Quick Links" and then "Product Registration". Please complete the form and submit your registration.

Read this Operators Manual completely before attempting to use this equipment. Save this manual and keep it handy for quick reference. Pay particular attention to the safety instructions we have provided for your protection. The level of seriousness to be applied to each is explained below:

⚠ WARNING

This statement appears where the information **must** be followed **exactly** to avoid **serious personal injury** or **loss of life**.

⚠ CAUTION

This statement appears where the information **must** be followed to avoid **minor personal injury** or **damage to this equipment**.

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TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS - VANTAGE® 300 (K2499-3)

INPUT - DIESEL ENGINE

Make/Mode	Description	Horsepower @ 1800 RPM	Operating Speed (RPM)	Displacement cu. in. (ltrs.) Bore x Stroke inch (mm)	Starting Systems	Capacities
K2499-3 **Deutz*** D2008 L4	4 Cylinder naturally aspirated Water Cooled Diesel Engine	24 HP	**High** 1800 RPM **Full Load** 1800 RPM **Low Idle** 1400 RPM	95 (1.56) 3.0 x 3.4 (76 x 86)	12VDC Battery and starter (Group 34; Battery 535 cold crank amps) Battery Charger	Fuel: 20gal.(75.7L) Oil: 7.8qts.(7.4L) Radiator Coolant: 7.9qts. (7.5L)

RATED OUTPUT @ 104° F (40° C) - WELDER

Welding Process	Welding Output Current/Voltage/Duty Cycle	Output Range	Max. Weld OCV @Rated Load RPM
DC Constant Current	300A / 32V / 100% 350A / 28V / 100%	30 TO 400 AMPS	60 Volts(2)
DC Pipe Current	300A / 32V / 100%	40 TO 300 AMPS	
Touch-Start™TIG	250A / 30V / 100%	20 TO 250 AMPS	
DC Constant Voltage	300A / 32V / 100% 350A / 28V / 100%	14 TO 32 VOLTS	
Arc Gouging	300A / 32V / 100%	90 to 300 AMPS	

RATED OUTPUT @ 104° F (40° C) - GENERATOR

Auxiliary Power(1)
11,500 Watts Peak, / 10,000 Watts Continuous, 60 Hz 120/240 Volts Single Phase 12,500 Watts Peak, /11,000 Watts Continuous, 60 Hz, 240 Volts 3-Phase

PHYSICAL DIMENSIONS

HEIGHT	WIDTH	DEPTH	WEIGHT
35.94** in. 913 mm	25.30 in 643 mm	60.00 in. 1524 mm	1150 lbs. (522kg.)

ENGINE

LUBRICATION	EMISSIONS	FUEL SYSTEM	GOVERNOR
Full Pressure with Full Flow Filter	EPA Tier 4 Interim Compliant	Mechanical Fuel Pump, Auto air bleed system Electric shutoff solenoid Indirect fuel injector.	Electronic

AIR CLEANER	ENGINE IDLER	MUFFLER	ENGINE PROTECTION
Single Element	Automatic Idler	Low noise Muffler: Top outlet can be rotated. Made from long life, aluminized steel.	Shutdown on low oil pressure & high engine coolant temperature

ENGINE WARRANTY: 2 year complete (parts and labor) 3rd. year major components (parts and labor)

(1) Output rating in watts is equivalent to volt-amperes at unity power factor. Output voltage is within ± 10% at all loads up to rated capacity. When welding, available auxiliary power will be reduced.

* Engine warranty may vary outside of the USA. (See Engine warranty for details).

** To Top of enclosure, add 7.88"(200.2mm) to top of exhaust pipe. Add 4.012"(101.9mm) to top of Lift Bail.

(2) Reduced to less than 30V in the stick mode when VRD (Voltage Reduction Devise) is on.

MACHINE SPECIFICATIONS

RECEPTACLES	AUXILIARY POWER CIRCUIT BREAKER	OTHER CIRCUIT BREAKERS
(2) 120VAC Duplex (5-20R) GFCI Protected (1) 120/240VAC Dual Voltage Full KVA (14-50R) (1) 240VAC 3-Phase (15-50R)	Two 20AMP for Two Duplex Receptacle (1) 50Amp for Dual Voltage and 3-Phase (3-pole)	10AMP for Engine Battery Charging Circuit 10AMP for 42V Wire Feeder Power

SAFETY PRECAUTIONS

⚠ WARNING

Do not attempt to use this equipment until you have thoroughly read the engine manufacturer's manual supplied with your welder. It includes important safety precautions, detailed engine starting, operating and maintenance instructions, and parts lists.

ELECTRIC SHOCK can kill.
- **Do not touch electrically live parts or electrode with skin or wet clothing.**
- **Insulate yourself from work and ground**
- **Always wear dry insulating gloves.**

ENGINE EXHAUST can kill.
- **Use in open, well ventilated areas or vent exhaust outside.**

MOVING PARTS can injure.
- **Do not operate with doors open or guards off.**
- **Stop engine before servicing.**
- **Keep away from moving parts.**

See additional warning information at front of this operator's manual.

Only qualified personnel should install, use, or service this equipment.

VRD (VOLTAGE REDUCTION DEVICE)

The VRD feature provides additional safety in the CC-Stick mode especially in an environment with a higher risk of electric shock such as wet areas and hot humid sweaty conditions.

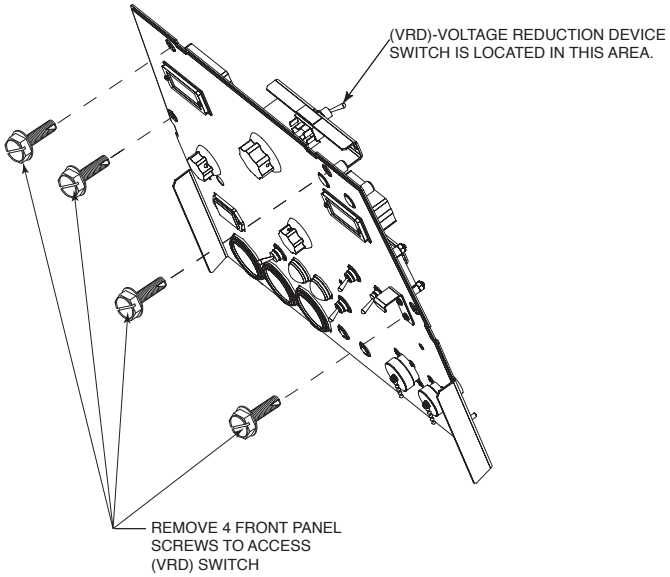
The VRD reduces the OCV (Open Circuit Voltage) at the welding output terminals while not welding to less than 13V DC when the resistance of the output circuit is above 200Ω (ohms).

The VRD requires that the welding cable connections be kept in good electrical condition because poor connections will contribute to poor starting. Having good electrical connections also limits the possibility of other safety issues such as heat-generated damage, burns and fires.

The machine is shipped with the VRD switch in the "Off" position. To turn it "On" or "Off".
- Turn the engine "Off".
- Disconnect the negative battery cable.
- Lower the control panel by removing 4 front panel screws. (See Figure A.1)
- Place the VRD switch in the "On" or "Off" position. (See Figure A.1)

With the VRD switch in the "On" position, the VRD lights are enabled.

FIGURE A.1



LOCATION AND VENTILATION

The welder should be located to provide an unrestricted flow of clean, cool air to the cooling air inlets and to avoid restricting the cooling air outlets. Also, locate the welder so that the engine exhaust fumes are properly vented to an outside area.

STACKING

VANTAGE® 300 machines cannot be stacked.

ANGLE OF OPERATION

Engines are designed to run in the level condition which is where the optimum performance is achieved. The maximum angle of continuous operation is 20 degrees in all directions, 30 degrees Intermittent (less than 10 minutes continuous) in all directions. If the engine is to be operated at an angle, provisions must be made for checking and maintaining the oil level at the normal (FULL) oil capacity in the crankcase.

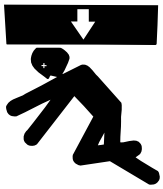
When operating the welder at an angle, the effective fuel capacity will be slightly less than the amount specified.

LIFTING

The VANTAGE® 300 weighs approximately 1305 lbs. (592kg.) with a full tank of fuel (1150 lbs. (522kg.) less fuel). A lift bail is mounted to the machine and should always be used when lifting the machine.

⚠ WARNING

HIGH ALTITUDE OPERATION



FALLING EQUIPMENT can cause injury.

- **Lift only with equipment of adequate lifting capacity.**
- **Be sure machine is stable when lifting.**
- **Do not lift this machine using lift bail if it is equipped with a heavy accessory such as trailer or gas cylinder.**
- **Do not lift machine if lift bail is damaged.**
- **Do not operate machine while suspended from lift bail.**

At higher altitudes, output derating may be necessary. For maximum rating, derate the machine 2.5% to 3.5% for every 1000 ft. (305m). Due to new EPA and other local emissions regulations, modifications to the engine for high altitude are restricted within the United States. For use above 6000 ft.(1828 m) an authorized engine field service shop should be contacted to determine if any adjustments can be made for operation in higher elevations.

HIGH TEMPERATURE OPERATION

At temperatures above 104°F (40°C), Welder output derating is necessary. For maximum output ratings, derate the welder output 2 volts for every 18°F (10°C) above 104°F (40°C).

COLD WEATHER STARTING:

With a fully charged battery and the proper oil, the engine should start satisfactorily down to 5°F (-15°C). If the engine must be frequently started at or below 23°F (-5°C), it may be desirable to install cold-starting aides. The use of No. 1D diesel fuel is recommended in place of No. 2D at temperatures below 23°F (-5°C). Allow the engine to warm up before applying a load or switching to high idle.

Note: Extreme cold weather starting may require longer glow plug operation.

⚠ WARNING

Under no conditions should ether or other starting fluids be used with this engine!

TOWING

Use a recommended trailer for use with this equipment for road, in-plant and yard towing by a vehicle(1). If the user adapts a non-Lincoln trailer, he must assume responsibility that the method of attachment and usage does not result in a safety hazard or damage the welding equipment. Some of the factors to be considered are as follows:

1. Design capacity of trailer vs. weight of Lincoln equipment and likely additional attachments.

2. Proper support of, and attachment to, the base of the welding equipment so there will be no undue stress to the framework.

3. Proper placement of the equipment on the trailer to insure stability side to side and front to back when being moved and when standing by itself while being operated or serviced.

4. Typical conditions of use, i.e., travel speed; roughness of surface on which the trailer will be operated; environmental conditions; like maintenance.

5. Conformance with federal, state and local laws.(1)

(1) Consult applicable federal, state and local laws regarding specific requirements for use on public highways.

VEHICLE MOUNTING

⚠ WARNING

Improperly mounted concentrated loads may cause unstable vehicle handling and tires or other components to fail.

- **Only transport this Equipment on serviceable vehicles which are rated and designed for such loads.**
- **Distribute, balance and secure loads so vehicle is stable under conditions of use.**
- **Do not exceed maximum rated loads for components such as suspension, axles and tires.**
- **Mount equipment base to metal bed or frame of vehicle.**
- **Follow vehicle manufacturer's instructions.**

PRE-OPERATION ENGINE SERVICE

READ the engine operating and maintenance instructions supplied with this machine.

⚠ WARNING

- **Stop engine and allow to cool before fueling**
- **Do not smoke when fueling.**
- **Fill fuel tank at a moderate rate and do not overfill.**
- **Wipe up spilled fuel and allow fumes to clear before starting engine.**
- **Keep sparks and flame away from tank.**

OIL

The VANTAGE® 300 is shipped with the engine crankcase filled with high quality SAE 10W-30 Oil that meets classification CG-4 or CH-4 for diesel engines. Check the oil level before starting the engine. If it is not up to the full mark on the dip stick, add oil as required. Check the oil level every four hours of running time during the first 50 running hours. Refer to the engine Operator's Manual for specific oil recommendations and break-in information. The oil change interval is dependent on the quality of the oil and the operating environment. Refer to the Engine Operator's Manual for more details on the proper service and maintenance intervals.

FUEL

DIESEL FUEL ONLY-Low sulphur fuel or ultra low sulphur fuel in U.S.A. and Canada only.

⚠ WARNING

- **Fill the fuel tank with clean, fresh fuel. The capacity of the tank is 20 gals. (75.7 ltrs). When the fuel gauge reads empty the tank contains approximately 2 gals. (7.6ltrs.) of reserve fuel.**

⚠ WARNING

NOTE: The fuel shut off valve should be in the closed position when the welder is not used for extended periods of time.

ENGINE COOLING SYSTEM

⚠ WARNING

Air to cool the engine is drawn in the side and exhausted through radiator & case back. It is important that the intake and exhaust air is not restricted. Allow a minimum clearance of 1ft. (0.6m) from the case back and 16in.(406mm) from either side of the base to a vertical surface.

BATTERY CONNECTION

⚠ CAUTION

Use caution as the electrolyte is a strong acid that can burn skin and damage eyes.

The VANTAGE® 300 is shipped with the negative battery cable disconnected. Make certain that the RUN-STOP switch is in the STOP position. Remove the two screws from the battery tray using a screwdriver or a 3/8" socket. Attach the negative battery cable to the negative battery terminal and tighten using a 1/2" socket or wrench.

NOTE: This machine is furnished with a wet charged battery; if unused for several months, the battery may require a booster charge. Be careful to charge the battery with the correct polarity. (See Battery in "Maintenance Section")

MUFFLER OUTLET PIPE

Using the clamp provided secure the outlet pipe to the outlet tube with the pipe positioned such that it will direct the exhaust in the desired direction. Tighten using a 9/16" socket or wrench.

SPARK ARRESTER

Some federal, state or local laws may require that gasoline or diesel engines be equipped with exhaust spark arresters when they are operated in certain locations where unarrested sparks may present a fire hazard. The standard muffler included with this welder does not qualify as a spark arrester. When required by local regulations, a suitable spark arrester, such as the K1898-1 must be installed and properly maintained.

⚠ WARNING

An incorrect spark arrestor may lead to damage to the engine or adversely affect performance.

REMOTE CONTROL

The VANTAGE® 300 is equipped with a 6-pin and a 14-pin connector. The 6-pin connector is for connecting the K857 or K857-1 Remote Control or for TIG welding, the K870 foot Amptrol or the K963-3 hand Amptrol. When in the CC-STICK, Arc Gouging, or CV-WIRE modes and when a remote control is connected to the 6-pin Connector, the auto-sensing circuit automatically switches the OUTPUT control from control at the welder to remote control.

When in TOUCH START TIG mode and when a Amptrol is connected to the 6-Pin Connector, the OUTPUT dial is used to set the maximum current range of the CURRENT CONTROL of the Amptrol.

When in the DOWNHILL PIPE mode and when a remote control is connected to the 6-Pin or 14-Pin connector, the output control is used to set the maximum current range of the remote.

EXAMPLE: When the OUTPUT CONTROL on the welder is set to 200 amps the current range on the remote control will be 40-200 amps, rather than the full 40-300 amps. Any current range that is less than the full range provides finer current resolution for more fine tuning of the output.

The 14-pin connector is used to directly connect a wire feeder control cable. In the CV-WIRE mode, if the feeder being used has a voltage control when the wire feeder control cable is connected to the 14-Pin Connector, the auto-sensing circuit automatically makes OUTPUT CONTROL inactive and the wire feeder voltage control active. Otherwise, the OUTPUT CONTROL is used to preset the voltage.

⚠ WARNING

NOTE: When a wire feeder with a built in welding voltage control is connected to the 14-pin connector, do not connect anything to the 6-pin connector.

ELECTRICAL CONNECTIONS

MACHINE GROUNDING

Because this portable engine driven welder creates its own power, it is not necessary to connect its frame to an earth ground, unless the machine is connected to premises wiring (home, shop, etc.)

To prevent dangerous electric shock, other equipment to which this engine driven welder supplies power must:

⚠ WARNING

- **Be grounded to the frame of the welder using a grounded type plug.**
- **Be double insulated.**
- **Do not ground the machine to a pipe that carries explosive or combustible material.**

When this welder is mounted on a truck or trailer, its frame must be electrically bonded to the metal frame of the vehicle. Use a #8 or larger copper wire connected between the machine grounding stud and the frame of the vehicle. When this engine driven welder is connected to premises wiring such as that in a home or shop, its frame must be connected to the system earth ground. See further connection instructions in the section entitled "Standby Power Connections" as well as the article on grounding in the latest National Electrical Code and the local code.

In general, if the machine is to be grounded, it should be connected with a #8 or larger copper wire to a solid earth ground such as a metal water pipe going into the ground for at least ten feet and having no insulated joints, or to the metal framework of a building which has been effectively grounded.

The National Electrical Code lists a number of alternate means of grounding electrical equipment. A machine grounding stud marked with the symbol is provided on the front of the welder.

WELDING TERMINALS

The VANTAGE® 300 is equipped with a toggle switch for selecting "hot" welding terminal when in the "WELD TERMINALS ON" position or "cold" welding terminal when in the "REMOTELY CONTROLLED" position.

WELDING OUTPUT CABLES

With the engine off connect the electrode and work cables to the output studs. The welding process dictates the polarity of the electrode cable. These connections should be checked periodically and tightened with a 3/4" wrench.

Table A.1 lists recommended cable sizes and lengths for rated current and duty cycle. Length refers to the distance from the welder to the work and back to the welder. Cable diameters are increased for long cable lengths to reduce voltage drops.

TABLE A.1

TOTAL COMBINED LENGTH OF ELECTRODE AND WORK CABLES	
Cable Length	**Cable Size for 400 Amps 60% Duty Cycle**
0-100Ft. (0-30 meters)	**2 / 0 AWG**
100-150 Ft. (30-46 meters)	**2 / 0 AWG**
150-200 Ft. (46-61 meters)	**3 / 0 AWG**

CABLE INSTALLATION

Install the welding cables to your VANTAGE® 300 as follows.

1. The engine must be OFF to install welding cables.
2. Remove the flanged nuts from the output terminals .
3. Connect the electrode holder and work cables to the weld output terminals. The terminals are identified on the case front.
4. Tighten the flanged nuts securely.
5. Be certain that the metal piece you are welding (the "work") is properly connected to the work clamp and cable.
6. Check and tighten the connections periodically.

⚠ CAUTION

- **Loose connections will cause the output terminals to overheat. The terminals may eventually melt.**
- **Do not cross the welding cables at the output terminal connection. Keep the cables isolated and separate from one another.**

AUXILIARY POWER RECEPTACLES

Start the engine and set the "IDLER" control switch to the "High Idle" mode. Voltage is now correct at the receptacles for auxiliary power. This must be done before a tripped GFCI module can be reset properly. See the MAINTENANCE section for more detailed information on testing and resetting the GFCI module

The auxiliary power of the VANTAGE® 300 consists of two 20 Amp-120 VAC (5-20R) duplex receptacles with GFCI protection, one 50 Amp 120/240 VAC (14-50R) receptacle and one 50 Amp 240VAC Three-Phase (15-50R) receptacle.

The auxiliary power capacity is 11,500 watts Peak, 10,000 Watts Continuous of 60 Hz, single phase power. The auxiliary power capacity rating in watts is equivalent to volt-amperes at unity power factor. The max permissible current of the 240 VAC output is 42amps.

The 240 VAC output can be split to provide two separate 120 VAC outputs with a max permissible current of 42 Amps per output to two separate 120 VAC branch circuits (these circuits cannot be paralleled). Output voltage is within ± 10% at all loads up to rated capacity.

The Three-Phases auxiliary power capacity is 12,500 watts peak, 11,000 watts continuous. The maximum current is 27 amps.

120 V DUPLEX RECEPTACLES AND GFCI MODULES

A GFCI Module protects the two 120V auxiliary power receptacles.

A GFCI (Ground Fault Circuit Interrupter) is a device to protect against electric shock should a piece of defective equipment connected to it develop a ground fault. If this situation should occur, the GFCI module will trip, removing voltage from the output of the receptacle. If a GFCI module is tripped see the MAINTENANCE section for detailed information on testing and resetting it. A GFCI module should be properly tested at least once every month.

The 120 V auxiliary power receptacles should only be used with three wire grounded type plugs or approved double insulated tools with two wire plugs. The current rating of any plug used with the system must be at least equal to the current capacity of the associated receptacle.

NOTE: The 240 V receptacle has two 120 V circuits, but are of opposite polarities and cannot be paralleled.

All auxiliary power is protected by circuit breakers. The 120V has 20 Amp circuit breakers for each duplex receptacle. The 120/240V Single Phase and the 240V Three-Phases have a 50 Amp 3-pole Circuit Breaker that disconnects both hot leads and all Three Phases simultaneously

STANDBY POWER CONNECTIONS

The VANTAGE® 300 is suitable for temporary, standby or emergency power using the engine manufacturer's recommended maintenance schedule.

The VANTAGE® 300 can be permanently installed as a standby power unit for 240 VAC, 3 wire, single phase, 40 amp service. Connections must be made by a licensed electrician who can determine how the 120/240 VAC power can be adapted to the particular installation and comply with all applicable electrical codes.

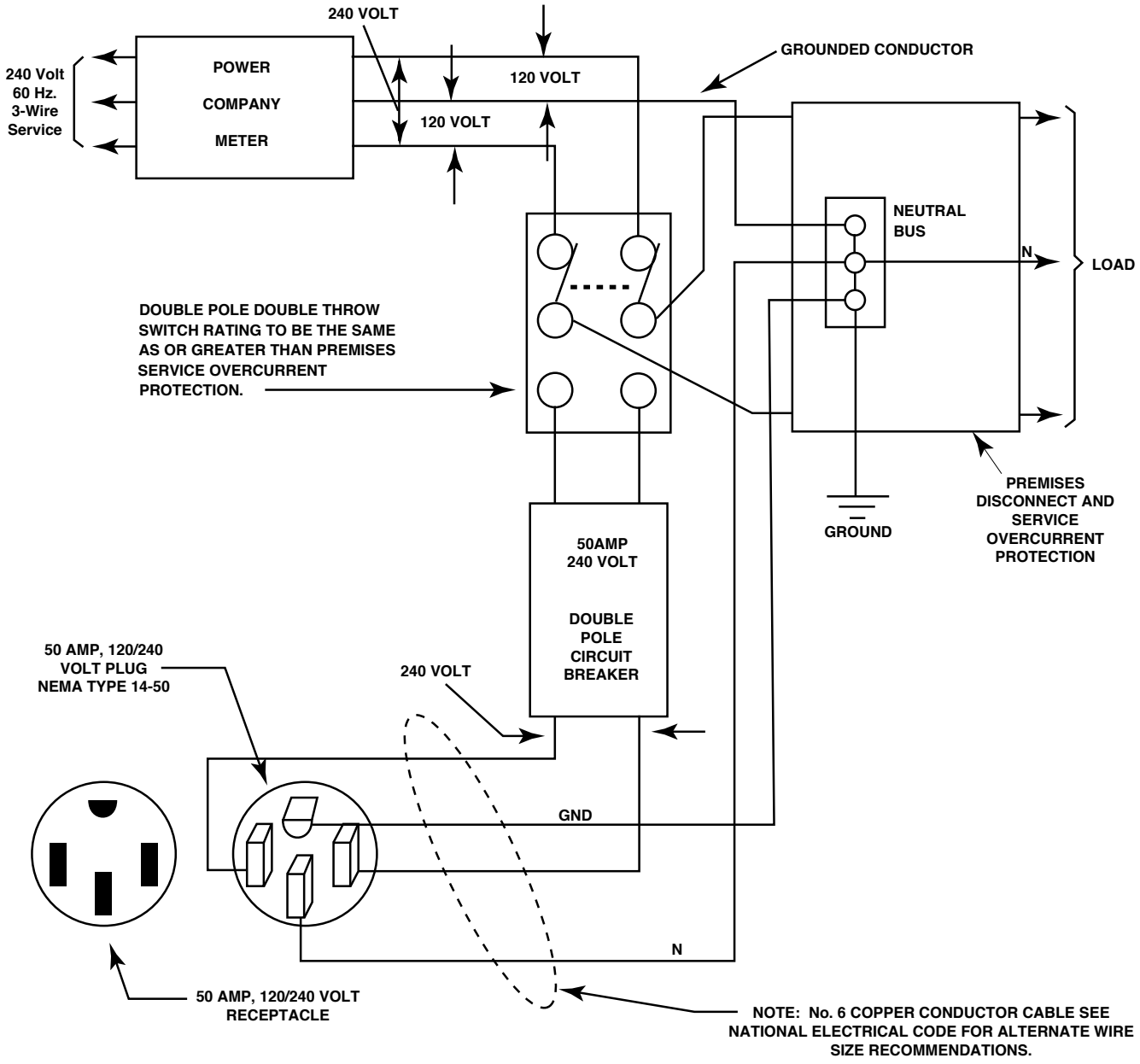
- Install the double-pole, double-throw switch between the power company meter and the premises disconnect. Switch rating must be the same or greater than the customer's premises disconnect and service over current protection.

- Take necessary steps to assure load is limited to the capacity of the generator by installing a 50 amp, 240 VAC double pole circuit breaker. Maximum rated load for each leg of the 240 VAC auxiliary is 50 amperes. Loading above the rated output will reduce output voltage below the allowable - 10% of rated voltage which may damage appliances or other motor-driven equipment and may result in overheating of the engine and/or alternator windings.

- Install a 50 amp, 120/240 VAC plug (NEMA Type 14-50) to the double-pole circuit breaker using No. 6, 4 conductor cable of the desired length. (The 50 amp, 120/240 VAC plug is available in the optional K802R plug kit or as part number T12153-9.)

- Plug this cable into the 50 Amp, 120/240 Volt receptacle on the case front.

CONNECTION OF VANTAGE® 300 TO PREMISES WIRING



⚠ WARNING

- Only a licensed, certified, trained electrician should install the machine to a premises or residential electrical system. Be certain that:

- The installation complies with the National Electrical Code and all other applicable electrical codes.

- The premises is isolated and no feedback into the utility system can occur. Certain state and local laws require the premises to be isolated before the generator is linked to the premises. Check your state and local requirements.

- A double pole, double throw transfer switch in conjunction with the properly rated double throw circuit breaker is connected between the generator power and the utility meter.

CONNECTION OF LINCOLN ELECTRIC WIRE FEEDERS

Connection of LN-7 or LN-8 to the VANTAGE® 300

1. **Shut the welder off.**

2. Connect the LN-7 or LN-8 per instructions on the appropriate connection diagram in Section F.

3. Set the "WIRE FEEDER VOLTMETER" switch to either "+" or "-" as required by the electrode being used.

4. Set the "MODE" switch to the "CV WIRE " position.
5. Set the "ARC CONTROL" knob to "0" initially and adjust to suit.

6. Set the "WELD TERMINALS" switch to the "REMOTELY CONTROLLED" position.

7. Set the "IDLE" switch to the "HIGH" position.

Connection of LN-15 to the VANTAGE® 300

1. **Shut the welder off.**

2. For electrode Positive, connect the electrode cable to the "+" terminal of the welder and work cable to the "-" terminal of the welder. For electrode Negative, connect the electrode cable to the "-" terminal of the welder and work cable to the "+" terminal of the welder.

3. **Across The-Arc Model:**

   - Attach the single lead from the front of the LN-15 to work using the spring clip at the end of the lead. This is a control lead to supply current to the wire feeder motor; it does not carry welding current.

   - Set the "WELD TERMINALS" switch to "WELD TERMINALS ON".

   - When the gun trigger is closed, the current sensing circuit will cause the VANTAGE® 300 engine to go to the high idle speed, the wire will begin to feed and the welding process started. When welding is stopped, the engine will revert to low idle speed after approximately 12 seconds unless welding is resumed.

4. **Control Cable Model:**

   - Connect Control Cable between Engine Welder and Feeder.

   - Set the "WELD TERMINALS" switch to "REMOTELY CONTROLLED"

5. Set the MODE switch to the "CV-WIRE " position.

6. Set the "WIRE FEEDER VOLTMETER" switch to either "+" or "-" as required by the electrode polarity being used.

7. Set the "ARC CONTROL" knob to "0" initially and adjust to suit.

8. Set the "IDLE" switch to the "AUTO" position.

9. When the gun trigger is closed, the current sensing circuit will cause the VANTAGE® 300 engine to go to the high idle speed, the wire will begin to feed and the welding process started. When welding is stopped, the engine will revert to low idle speed after approximately 12 seconds unless welding is resumed.

⚠ WARNING

Connection of the LN-25 to the VANTAGE® 300
Shut off welder before making any electrical connections.

The LN-25 with or without an internal contactor may be used with the VANTAGE® 300. See the appropriate connection diagram in Section F.

NOTE: The LN-25 (K431) Remote Control Module and (K432) Remote Cable are not recommended for use with the VANTAGE® 300.

1. **Shut the welder off.**

2. For electrode Positive, connect the electrode cable from the LN-25 to the "+" terminal of the welder and work cable to the "-" terminal of the welder. For electrode Negative, connect the electrode cable from the LN-25 to the "-" terminal of the welder and work cable to the "+" terminal of the welder.

3. Attach the single lead from the front of the LN-25 to work using the spring clip at the end of the lead. This is a control lead to supply current to the wire feeder motor; it does not carry welding current.

4. Set the MODE switch to the "CV-WIRE " position.

5. Set the "WELD TERMINALS" switch to "WELD TERMINALS ON"

6. Set the "ARC CONTROL" knob to "0" initially and adjust to suit.

7. Set the "IDLE" switch to the "AUTO" position. When not welding, the VANTAGE® 300 engine will be at the low idle speed. If you are using an LN-25 with an internal contactor, the electrode is not energized until the gun trigger is closed.

8. When the gun trigger is closed, the current sensing circuit will cause the VANTAGE® 300 engine to go to the high idle speed, the wire will begin to feed and the welding process started. When welding is stopped, the engine will revert to low idle speed after approximately 12 seconds unless welding is resumed.

⚠ CAUTION

If you are using an LN-25 without an internal contactor, the electrode will be energized when the VANTAGE® 300 is started.

Spool Gun (K487-25) and Cobramatic to VANTAGE® 300

- **Shut the welder off.**

- Connect per instructions on the appropriate connection diagram in Section F.

SAFETY PRECAUTIONS

⚠ WARNING

Do not attempt to use this equipment until you have thoroughly read the engine manufacturer's manual supplied with your welder. It includes important safety precautions, detailed engine starting, operating and maintenance instructions, and parts lists.

ELECTRIC SHOCK can kill.

- **Do not touch electrically live parts or electrode with skin or wet clothing.**
- **Insulate yourself from work and ground**
- **Always wear dry insulating gloves.**

- **Always operate the welder with the hinged door closed and the side panels in place.**

- **Read carefully the Safety Precautions page before operating this machine. Always follow these and any other safety procedures included in this manual and in the Engine Instruction Manual.**

GENERAL DESCRIPTION

The VANTAGE® 300 is a diesel engine powered DC multi-process welding power source and 120 / 240 volt AC power generator. The engine drives a generator that supplies three phase power for the DC welding circuit, single phase and Three Phase power for the AC auxiliary outlets. The DC welding control system uses state of the art Chopper Technology (CT™) for superior welding performance.

The VANTAGE® 300 is fitted with a selectable VRD(Voltage Reduction Device). The VRD operates in the CC-Stick mode reducing the OCV to <13 volts, increasing operator safety when welding is performed in environments with increased hazard of electric shock such as wet areas and hot, humid sweaty conditions.

FOR AUXILIARY POWER:

Start the engine and set the IDLER control switch to the desired operating mode. Full power is available regardless of the welding control settings providing no welding current is being drawn.

ENGINE OPERATION

Before Starting the Engine:

- Be sure the machine is on a level surface.
- Open side engine door and remove the engine oil dipstick and wipe it with a clean cloth. Reinsert the dipstick and check the level on the dipstick.
- Add oil (if necessary) to bring the level up to the full mark. Do not overfill. Close engine door.
- Check radiator for proper coolant level. (Fill if necessary).
- See Engine Owner's Manual for specific oil and coolant recommendations.

⚠ WARNING

ADD FUEL

- ¥ Stop engine while fueling.
- ¥ Do not smoke when fueling.
- ¥ Keep sparks and flame away from tank.
- ¥ Do not leave unattended while fueling.
- ¥ Wipe up spilled fuel and allow fumes to clear before starting engine.
- ¥ Do not overfill tank, fuel expansion may cause overflow.

DIESEL FUEL

can cause fire.

DIESEL FUEL ONLY-Low sulphur fuel or ultra low sulphur fuel in U.S.A. and Canada.

- Remove the fuel tank cap.

- Fill the tank. DO NOT FILL THE TANK TO THE POINT OF OVERFLOW.

- Replace the fuel cap and tighten securely.

- See Engine Owner's Manual for specific fuel recommendations.

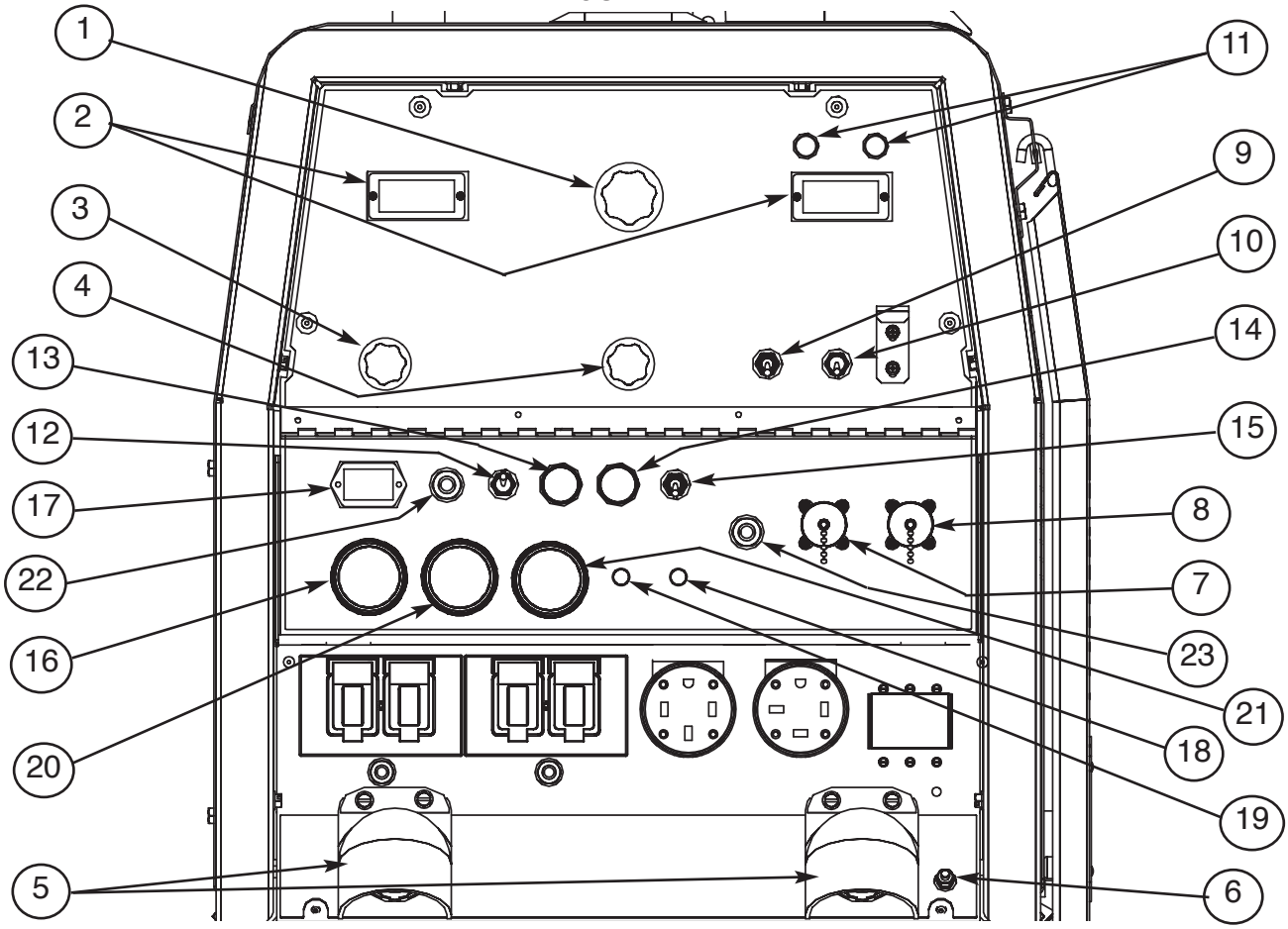
BREAK-IN PERIOD

The engine will use a small amount of oil during its "break-in" period. The break-in period is about 50 running hours. Check the oil every four hours during break-in.

⚠ CAUTION

During break-in, subject the Welder to moderate loads. Avoid long periods running at idle. Before stopping the engine, remove all loads and allow the engine to cool several minutes.

FIGURE B.1



WELDING CONTROLS (Figure B.1)

1. OUTPUT CONTROL- The OUTPUT dial is used to preset the output voltage or current as displayed on the digital meters for the five welding modes. When in the CC-STICK, ARC GOUGING or CV-WIRE modes and when a remote control is connected to the 6-Pin or 14-Pin Connector, the auto-sensing circuit automatically switches the OUTPUT CONTROL from control at the welder to the remote control.

When in the DOWNHILL PIPE mode and when a remote control is connected to the 6-Pin or 14-Pin connector, the output control is used to set the maximum current range of the remote.

EXAMPLE: When the OUTPUT CONTROL on the welder is set to 200 amps the current range on the remote control will be 40-200 amps, rather than the full 40-300 amps. Any current range that is less than the full range provides finer current resolution for more fine tuning of the output.

In the CV-WIRE mode, if the feeder being used has a voltage control when the wire feeder control cable is connected to the 14-Pin Connector, the auto-sensing circuit automatically makes OUTPUT CONTROL inactive and the wire feeder voltage control active. Otherwise, the OUTPUT CONTROL is used to preset the voltage

When in the TOUCH START TIG mode and when an Amptrol is connected to the 6-Pin Connector, the OUTPUT dial is used to set the maximum current range of the CURRENT CONTROL of the Amptrol.

2. DIGITAL OUTPUT METERS-The digital meters allow the output voltage (CV-WIRE mode) or current (CC-STICK,DOWN HILL PIPE and TIG modes) to be set prior to welding using the OUTPUT control dial. During welding, the meter display the actual output voltage (VOLTS) and current (AMPS). A memory feature holds the display of both meters on for seven seconds after welding is stopped. This allows the operator to read the actual current and voltage just prior to when welding was ceased.

While the display is being held the left-most decimal point in each display will be flashing. The accuracy of the meters is +/- 3%.

3. WELD MODE SELECTOR SWITCH-

(Provides Five selectable welding modes)
- CV-WIRE
- ARC GOUGING
- DOWNHILL PIPE
- CC-STICK
- TOUCH START TIG

4. ARC CONTROL- The ARC CONTROL dial is active in the CV-WIRE, CC-STICK and DOWNHILL PIPE modes, and has different functions in these modes. This control is not active in the TIG mode.

CC-STICK mode: In this mode, the ARC CONTROL dial sets the short circuit current (arc-force) during stick welding to adjust for a soft or crisp arc. Increasing the dial from –10 (soft) to +10 (crisp) increases the short circuit current and prevents sticking of the electrode to the plate while welding. This can also increase spatter. It is recommended that the ARC CONTROL be set to the minimum number without electrode sticking. Start with a setting at 0.

DOWNHILL PIPE mode: In this mode, the ARC CONTROL dial sets the short circuit current (arc-force) during stick welding to adjust for a soft or a more forceful digging arc (crisp). Increasing the number from –10 (soft) to +10 (crisp) increases the short circuit current which results in a more forceful digging arc. Typically a forceful digging arc is preferred for root and hot passes. A softer arc is preferred for fill and cap passes where weld puddle control and deposition ("stacking" of iron) are key to fast travel speeds. It is recommended that the ARC CONTROL be set initially at 0.

CV-WIRE mode: In this mode, turning the ARC CONTROL clock wise from –10 (soft) to +10 (crisp) changes the arc from soft and washed-in to crisp and narrow. It acts as an inductance/pinch control. The proper setting depends on the procedure and operator preference. Start with a setting of 0.

5. WELD OUTPUT TERMINALS WITH FLANGE NUT- Provides a connection point for the electrode and work cables.

6. GROUND STUD- ⏚ Provides a connection point for connecting the machine case to earth ground.

7. 14-PIN CONNECTOR- For attaching wire feeder control cables. Includes contactor closure circuit, auto-sensing remote control circuit, and 120V and 42V power. The remote control circuit operates the same as the 6 Pin Amphenol.

8. 6-PIN CONNECTOR- For attaching optional remote control equipment. Includes auto-sensing remote control circuit.

9. WELD TERMINALS CONTROL SWITCH- In the WELD TERMINALS ON position, the output is electrically hot all the time. In the REMOTELY CONTROLLED position, the output is controlled by a wire feeder or amptrol device, and is electrically off until a remote switch is depressed.

10. WIRE FEEDER VOLTMETER SWITCH: Matches the polarity of the wire feeder voltmeter to the polarity of the electrode.

11. VRD (Voltage Reduction Device) INDICATOR LIGHTS- On the front panel of the Vantage 300 are two indicator lights. A red light when lit indicates OCV(Open Circuit Voltage) is equal to or greater than 30V and a green light when lit indicates OCV(Open Circuit Voltage) is less than 30V.

The VRD "On/Off" switch inside the control panel must be "On" for the VRD function to be active and the lights to be enabled. When the machine is first started with VRD enabled, both lights will illuminate for 5 seconds.

These lights monitor the OCV(Open Circuit Voltage) and weld voltage at all times. In the CC-Stick mode when not welding the green light will illuminate indicating that the VRD has reduced the OCV to less than 30V. During welding the red light will illuminate whenever the arc voltage is equal to or greater than 30V. This means that the red and green light may alternate depending on the weld voltage. This is normal operation.

If the red light remains illuminated when not welding in the CC-stick mode, the VRD is not functioning properly. Please refer to your local field service shop for service.

If the VRD is turned "On" and the lights don't come "On", refer to the trouble shooting section.

TABLE B.1

VRD INDICATOR LIGHTS			
MODE		VRD "ON"	VRD "OFF"
CC-STICK	OCV	Green (OCV Reduced)	No Lights
	While Welding	Red or Green (Depends on Weld Voltage) *	
CV-WIRE	OCV	Red (OCV Not Reduced) Weld Terminals On	
		Red (OCV Not Reduced) Weld Terminals Remotely Controlled Gun Trigger Closed	
		Green (No OCV) Weld Terminals Remotely Controlled Gun Trigger Open	
	While Welding	Red or Green (Depends on Weld Voltage) *	
PIPE	OCV	Green (No Output)	
	While Welding	Not Applicable (No Output)	
ARC GOUGING	OCV	Green (No Output)	
	While Welding	Not Applicable (No Output)	
TIG	OCV	Green (Process is Low Voltage)	
	While Welding	Green (Process is Low Voltage)	

* It is normal for the lights to alternate between colors while welding.

ENGINE CONTROLS:

12. RUN/STOP SWITCH - RUN position energizes the engine prior to starting. STOP position stops the engine. The oil pressure interlock switch prevents battery drain if the switch is left in the RUN position and the engine is not operating.

13. GLOW PLUG PUSH BUTTON -

- When pushed activates the glow plugs. Glow plug should not be activated for more than 20 seconds continuously.

14. START PUSH BUTTON - Energizes the starter motor to crank the engine.

15. IDLER SWITCH- Has two positions as follows:

1) In the HIGH position, the engine runs at the high idle speed controlled by the engine governor.
2) In the AUTO position, the idler operates as follows:

- When switched from HIGH to AUTO or after starting the engine, the engine will operate at full speed for approximately 12 seconds and then go to low idle speed.
- When the electrode touches the work or power is drawn for lights or tools (approximately 100 Watts minimum), the engine accelerates and operates at full speed.
- When welding ceases or the AC power load is turned off, a fixed time delay of approximately 12 seconds starts. If the welding or AC power load is not restarted before the end of the time delay, the idler reduces the engine speed to low idle speed.
- The engine will automatically return to high idle speed when there is welding load or AC power load reapplied.

16. ELECTRIC FUEL GAUGE- The electric fuel gauge gives accurate and reliable indication as to how much fuel is in the fuel tank.

17. ENGINE HOUR METER- Displays the total time that the engine has been running. This meter is useful for scheduling prescribed maintenance.

18. ENGINE PROTECTION LIGHT- A warning indicator light for Low Oil Pressure and/or Coolant Over Temperature.The light is off when the systems are functioning properly. The light will come on and the engine will shutdown when there is Low Oil Pressure and/or the Coolant is Over Temperature.

Note: The light remains off when the RUN-STOP switch is in the "ON" position prior to starting the engine.However if the engine is not started within 60 seconds the light will come on. When this happens the RUN-STOP switch must be returned to the "OFF" position to reset the engine protection system and light.

19. BATTERY CHARGING LIGHT- A warning indicator light for Low/No battery charge. The light is off when the systems are functioning properly. The light will come on if there is a Low/No battery condition but the machine will continue to run.

Note: The light may or may not come on when the RUN-STOP switch is in the "ON" position. It will come on during cranking and stay on until the engine starts. After starting the engine the light will go off unless a Low/No battery charge condition exists.

20. COOLANT TEMPERATURE GAUGE-A indicator of engine coolant temperature.

21. OIL PRESSURE GAUGE- A indicator of engine Oil Pressure.

22. CIRCUIT BREAKER- For protection of Battery Charging Circuit.

23. CIRCUIT BREAKER- For protection of 42V Wire Feeder circuit.

STARTING THE ENGINE

1. Remove all plugs connected to the AC power receptacles.
2. Set IDLER switch to AUTO.
3. Press Glow Plug Button and hold 15 to 20 seconds.
4. Set the RUN/STOP switch to RUN.
5. Press START button until the engine starts or for up to 10 seconds. Continue to hold the glow plug button for up to an additional 10 seconds.
6. Release the engine START button immediately when the engine starts.
7. The engine will run at high idle speed for approximately 12 seconds and then drop to low idle speed. Allow the engine to warm up at low idle for several minutes before applying a load and/or switching to high idle. Allow a longer warm up time in cold weather.

NOTE: If the unit fails to start turn run/stop switch to off and repeat step 3 through step 7 after waiting 30 seconds.

⚠ CAUTION

- **Do not allow the starter motor to run continuously for more than 20 seconds.**
- **Do not push the START button while the engine is running because this can damage the ring gear and/or the starter motor.**
- **IF the Engine Protection or Battery Charging Lights do "not" turn off shortly after starting the engine shut off the engine immediately and deter mine the cause.**

NOTE: When starting for the first time, or after and extended period of time of not operating, it will take longer than normal to start because the fuel pump has to fill the fuel system. For best results, bleed the fuel system as indicated in Maintenance Section of this manual.

STOPPING THE ENGINE

Remove all welding and auxiliary power loads and allow the engine to run at low idle speed for a few minutes to cool the engine.

STOP the engine by placing the RUN-STOP switch in the STOP position.

NOTE: A fuel shut off valve is located on the fuel pre-filter.

WELDER OPERATION

DUTY CYCLE

Duty Cycle is the percentage of time the load is being applied in a 10 minute period. For example a 60% duty cycle, represents 6 minutes of load and 4 minutes of no load in a 10 minute period.

ELECTRODE INFORMATION

For any electrode the procedures should be kept within the rating of the machine. For information on electrodes and their proper application see (www.lincolnelectric.com) or the appropriate Lincoln publication.

The VANTAGE® 300 can be used with a broad range of DC stick electrodes. The MODE switch provides two stick welding settings as follows:

CONSTANT CURRENT (CC-STICK) WELDING

The CC-STICK position of the MODE switch is designed for horizontal and vertical-up welding with all types of electrodes, especially low hydrogen. The OUTPUT CONTROL dial adjusts the full output range for stick welding.

The ARC CONTROL dial sets the short circuit current (arc-force) during stick welding to adjust for a soft or crisp arc. Increasing the number from -10(soft) to +10(crisp) increases the short circuit current and prevents sticking of the electrode to the plate while welding. This can also increase spatter. It is recommended that the ARC CONTROL be set to the minimum number without electrode sticking. Start with the dial set at 0.

NOTE: Due to the low OCV with the VRD on, a very slight delay during striking of the electrodes may occur. Due to the requirement of the resistance in the circuit to be low for a VRD to operate, a good metal-to-metal contact must be made between the metal core of the electrode and the job.

A poor connection anywhere in the welding output circuit may limit the operation of the VRD. This includes a good connection of the work clamp to the job. The work clamp should be connected as close as practical to where the welding will be performed.

A. For New Electrodes

E6010 - Touch, Lift to Start the Arc
E7018, E7024 - Touch, Rock Back and Forth in Joint, Lift .
Once the arc is started, normal welding technique for the application is then used.

B. For Re-Striking Electrodes

Some electrodes form a cone at the end of the electrode after the welding arc has been broken, particularly iron powder and low hydrogen electrodes. This cone will need to be broken off in order to have the metal core of the electrode make contact.

E6010 - Push, Twist in Joint, Lift
E7018, E7024 - Push, Rock Back and Forth in Joint, Lift.

TABLE B.2

TYPICAL VANTAGE® 300 FUEL CONSUMPTION

	Deutz D2008 L4 Gal./Hr (Liters/Hr)	Running Time for 20 gallons - (Hours)
Low Idle - No Load 1400 R.P.M.	---------- .34 (1.30)	-------- 58.41
High Idle - No Load 1800 R.P.M.	---------- .46 (1.75)	-------- 43.28
DC Weld Output 150 Amps @ 20 Volts	---------- .64 (2.41)	-------- 31.39
DC Weld Output 250 Amps @ 24 Volts	---------- .86 (3.24)	-------- 23.36
DC Weld Output 300 Amps @ 32 Volts	---------- 1.22 (4.62)	-------- 16.37
10,000 Watts	1.10 (4.15)	18.23
7,500 Watts	.89 (3.36)	22.51
5,000 Watts	.73 (2.75)	27.53
2,500 Watts	.58 (2.18)	35.41

NOTE: This data is for reference only. Fuel consumption is approximate and can be influenced by many factors, including engine maintenance, environmental conditions and fuel quality.

Once the arc is started, normal welding technique for the application is then used.

For other electrodes the above techniques should be tried first and varied as needed to suit operator preference. The goal for successful starting is good metal to metal contact.

For indicator light operation, see table B.1.

DOWNHILL PIPE Welding

This slope controlled setting is intended for "out-of-position" and "down hill" pipe welding where the operator would like to control the current level by changing the arc length.

The OUTPUT CONTROL dial adjusts the full output range for pipe welding.

The ARC CONTROL dial sets the short circuit current (arc-force) during stick welding to adjust for a soft or more forceful digging arc (crisp). Increasing the number from -10(soft) to +10(crisp) increases the short circuit current which results in a more forceful digging arc.Typically a forceful digging arc is preferred for root and hot passes. A softer arc is preferred for fill and cap passes where weld puddle control and deposition ("stacking" of iron) are key to fast travel speeds. This can also increase spatter.

It is recommended that the ARC CONTROL be set to the minimum number without electrode sticking. Start with the dial set at 0.

NOTE: With the VRD switch in the "ON" position there is no output in the DOWNHILL PIPE mode. For indicator light operation, see table B.1.

TIG WELDING

The TOUCH START TIG setting of the MODE switch is for DC TIG (Tungsten Inert Gas) welding. To initiate a weld, the OUTPUT CONTROL dial is first set to the desired current and the tungsten is touched to the work. During the time the tungsten is touching the work there is very little voltage or current and, in general, no tungsten contamination. Then, the tungsten is gently lifted off the work in a rocking motion, which establishes the arc.
When in the TOUCH START TIG mode and when a Amptrol is connected to the 6-Pin connector the OUTPUT CONTROL dial is used to set the maximum current range of the current control of the Amptrol.

The ARC CONTROL is not active in the TIG mode. To STOP a weld, simply pull the TIG torch away from the work. When the arc voltage reaches approximately 30 Volts the arc will go out and the machine will reset the current to the Touch Start level.
To reinitiate the arc, retouch the tungsten to the work and lift. Alternatively, the weld can be stopped by releasing the Amptrol or arc start switch.

The VANTAGE® 300 can be used in a wide variety of DC TIG welding applications. In general the 'Touch Start' feature allows contamination free starting without the use of a Hi-frequency unit. If desired, the K930-2 TIG Module can be used with the VANTAGE® 300. The settings are for reference.

TABLE B.3

TYPICAL CURRENT RANGES (1) FOR TUNGSTEN ELECTRODES(2)

Tungsten Electrode Diameter in. (mm)		DCEN (-)	DCEP (+)	Approximate Argon Gas Flow Flow Rate C.F.H. (l /min.)				TIG TORCH Nozzle Size (4), (5)
		1%, 2% Thoriated Tungsten	1%, 2% Thoriated Tungsten	Aluminum		Stainless Steel		
.010	(.25)	2-15	(3)	3-8	(2-4)	3-8	(2-4)	#4, #5, #6
0.020	(.50)	5-20	(3)	5-10	(3-5)	5-10	(3-5)	
0.040	(1.0)	15-80	(3)	5-10	(3-5)	5-10	(3-5)	
1/16	(1.6)	70-150	10-20	5-10	(3-5)	9-13	(4-6)	#5, #6
3/32	(2.4)	150-250	15-30	13-17	(6-8)	11-15	(5-7)	#6, #7, #8
1/8	(3.2)	250-400	25-40	15-23	(7-11)	11-15	(5-7)	
5/32	(4.0)	400-500	40-55	21-25	(10-12)	13-17	(6-8)	#8, #10
3/16	(4.8)	500-750	55-80	23-27	(11-13)	18-22	(8-10)	
1/4	(6.4)	750-1000	80-125	28-32	(13-15)	23-27	(11-13)	

(1) When used with argon gas. The current ranges shown must be reduced when using argon/helium or pure helium shielding gases.
(2) Tungsten electrodes are classified as follows by the American Welding Society (AWS):

Pure	EWP
1% Thoriated	EWTh-1
2% Thoriated	EWTh-2

Though not yet recognized by the AWS, Ceriated Tungsten is now widely accepted as a substitute for 2% Thoriated Tungsten in AC and DC applications.
(3) DCEP is not commonly used in these sizes.
(4) TIG torch nozzle "sizes" are in multiples of 1/16ths of an inch:

# 4 = 1/4 in.	(6 mm)
# 5 = 5/16 in.	(8 mm)
# 6 = 3/8 in.	(10 mm)
# 7 = 7/16 in.	(11 mm)
# 8 = _ in.	(12.5 mm)
#10 = 5/8 in.	(16 mm)

(5) TIG torch nozzles are typically made from alumina ceramic. Special applications may require lava nozzles, which are less prone to breakage, but cannot withstand high temperatures and high duty cycles.

VANTAGE® 300 settings when using the K930-2 TIG Module with an Amptrol or Arc Start Switch:

- Set the MODE Switch to the TOUCH START TIG setting.
- Set the "IDLER" Switch to the "AUTO" position.
- Set the "WELDING TERMINALS" switch to the "REMOTELY CONTROLLED" position. This will keep the "Solid State" contactor open and provide a "cold" electrode until the Amptrol or Arc Start Switch is pressed.

When using the TIG Module, the OUTPUT CONTROL on the VANTAGE® 300 is used to set the maximum range of the CURRENT CONTROL on the TIG Module or an Amptrol if connected to the TIG Module.

WIRE WELDING-CV

Connect a wire feeder to the VANTAGE® 300 according to the instructions in INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS Section.

The VANTAGE® 300 in the CV-WIRE mode, permits it to be used with a broad range of flux cored wire (Innershield and Outershield) electrodes and solid wires for MIG welding (gas metal arc welding). Welding can be finely tuned using the ARC CONTROL. Turning the ARC CONTROL clockwise from –10 (soft) to +10 (crisp) changes the arc from soft and washed-in to crisp and narrow. It acts as an inductance/pinch control. The proper setting depends on the procedure and operator preference. Start with the dial set at 0.

NOTE: In the CV-Mode with VRD "On", the OCV(Open Circuit Voltage) is not reduced. For indicator light operation, see table B.1.

ARC GOUGING

The VANTAGE 300 can be used for arc gouging. For optimal performance, set the MODE switch to ARC GOUGING.

Set the OUTPUT CONTROL knob to adjust output current to the desired level for the gouging electrode being used according to the ratings in the following Table B.4.

TABLE B.4

Carbon Diameter	Current Range (DC, electrode positive)
1/8"	60-90 Amps
5/32"	90-150 Amps
3/16"	200-250 Amps
1/4"	300-MAX Amps

The ARC CONTROL is not active in the ARC GOUGING Mode. The ARC CONTROL is automatically set to maximum when the ARC GOUGING mode is selected which provides the best ARC GOUGING performance.

NOTE: With the VRD switch in the "ON" position there is no output in the Arc Gouging Mode. For indicator light operation, see Table B.1.

AUXILIARY POWER:

Start the engine and set the IDLER control switch to the desired operating mode. Full power is available regardless of the welding control settings providing no welding current is being drawn.

Simultaneous Welding and Auxiliary Power Loads

The auxiliary power ratings are with no welding load. Simultaneous welding and power loads are specified in the following table. The permissible currents shown assume that current is being drawn from either the 120 VAC or 240 VAC supply (not both at the same time).

VANTAGE® 300 Simultaneous Welding and Power Loads

Weld Amps		1 PHASE WATTS	1 PHASE AMPS		3 PHASE WATTS	3 PHASE AMPS		BOTH 1 & 3 PHASE WATTS	BOTH 1 & 3 PHASE AMPS
0		10,000	42		11,000	27		10,000	-
100		8300	35		8500	20		8300	-
200	PLUS	5300	22	OR	5700	14	OR	5300	-
250		3500	15		3500	8		3500	-
300		400	2		800	2		400	-
400		0	0		0	0		0	0

VANTAGE® 300 Extension Cord Length Recommendations

(Use the shortest length extension cord possible sized per the following table.)

Current (Amps)	Voltage Volts	Load (Watts)	Maximum Allowable Cord Length in ft. (m) for Conductor Size											
			14 AWG		12 AWG		10 AWG		8 AWG		6 AWG		4 AWG	
15	120	1800	30	(9)	40	(12)	75	(23)	125	(38)	175	(53)	300	(91)
20	120	2400			30	(9)	50	(15)	88	(27)	138	(42)	225	(69)
15	240	3600	60	(18)	75	(23)	150	(46)	225	(69)	350	(107)	600	(183)
20	240	4800			60	(18)	100	(30)	175	(53)	275	(84)	450	(137)
44	240	9500					50	(15)	90	(27)	150	(46)	225	(69)

Conductor size is based on maximum 2.0% voltage drop.

FIELD INSTALLED OPTIONS / ACCESSORIES

K2641-2 FOUR WHEELED STEERABLE YARD TRAILER
For in plant and yard towing. Comes standard with a Duo-Hitch™, a 2" Ball and Lunette Eye combination Hitch.

K2636-1 TRAILER - Two-wheeled trailer with optional fender and light package. For highway use, consult applicable federal, state, and local laws regarding possible additional requirements. Comes standard with a Duo-Hitch™, a 2" Ball and Lunette Eye combination hitch. **Order:**
K2636-1 Trailer
K2639-1 Fender & Light Kit
K2640-1 Cable Storage Rack

K1898-1 SPARK ARRESTOR - Easily mounts to standard muffler.

K704 ACCESSORY SET - Includes 35 ft. (10m) of electrode cable and 30 ft. (9.1m) of work cable, headshield, work clamp electrode holder. Cables are rated at 400 amps, 100% duty cycle.

K857 25 ft (7.6m) or **K857-1** 100 ft. (30.4m) **REMOTE CONTROL**
Portable control provides same dial range as the output control on the welder. Has a convenient 6 pin plug for easy connection to the welder.

K2467-1 - Digital weld meters kit with easy to read digital meters for volts and amps. Easy to install.

K802N POWER PLUG KIT
Provides four 120 volt plugs rated at 20 amps each and one dual voltage, full KVA plug rated at 120/240 volts, 50 amps.

K802R POWER PLUG KIT
Provides four 120 volt plugs rated at 15 amps each and one dual voltage, full KVA plug rated at 120/240 volts, 50 amps.

T12153-9 50 AMP, 120/240V POWER PLUG (1-Phase)
T12153-10 50 AMP, 240V POWER PLUG (3-Phase)

K1816-1 FULL KVA ADAPTER KIT
Plugs into the 120/240V NEMA 14-50R receptacle on the case front (which accepts 4-prong plugs) and converts it to a NEMA 6-50R receptacle, (which accepts 3-prong plugs.) For connection of Lincoln equipment with NEMA 6-50 Plug.

WIRE FEEDER OPTIONS

K2613-1 LN-25 PRO PORTABLE WIRE FEEDER-The MAXTRAC® wire drive enhances performance, while the replacement case, and many other upgrade options that can be installed in less then five minutes aid in the serviceability.

KP1697-5/64 Drive Roll Kit- Includes: 2 polished U groove drive rolls, outer wire guide and inner wire guide for solid core wire. (Used on LN-25 Pro)

KP1697-068 Drive Roll Kit- Includes: 2 polished U groove drive rolls, outer wire guide and inner wire guide for solid core wire. (Used on LN-25 Pro)

KP1696-1 Drive Roll Kit- Includes: 2 V groove drive rolls and inner wire guide for Steel Wires. (Used on LN-25 Pro)

K449 LN-25 - Includes internal contactor for across the arc operation (no control cable). Provides "cold" electrode until gun trigger is pressed. Includes gas solenoid.

K1870-1 LN-15 Across the Arc Wire Feeder.
Portable, lightweight, compact CC/CV unit for flux-cored and MIG welding. Includes Gas Solenoid, adjustable flow meter and internal contactor. For 10-15 lb. (4.5-6.8kg) spools.

Magnum Gun and Magnum Gun Connector Kit are required for gas-shielded welding. Innershield Gun is required for gasless welding.

K126-2 Magnum 350 Innershield Gun
K1802-1 Magnum 300 MIG Gun (for LN-25)
K470-2 Magnum 300 MIG Gun (for LN-15, Includes Connector Kit)
K466-10 Connector Kit (for LN-15, K470-2)
K1500-1 Gun Receiver Bushing (for LN-15 & K126-2)

K487-25 Magnum SG Spool Gun
Hand held semiautomatic wire feeder. Requires SG Control Module and Input Cable.

K488 SG Control Module (For Magnum Spool Gun)
The Interface between the power source and the spool gun. Provides control of the wire speed and gas flow. For use with a spool gun.

K691-10 Input Cable (For SG Control Module)
For Lincoln engine power sources with 14-pin MS-type connection, separate 115V NEMA receptacles and output stud connections.

Note: See Wire Feeder IM manuals for appropriate Drive Roll and Guide Tubes.

TIG OPTIONS

K1783-9 Pro -Torch® PTA-26V TIG Torch
Air Cooled 200 amp torch (2 piece) equipped with valve for gas flow control. 25 ft. (7.6m) length.

KP509 Magnum Parts Kit for PTA-26V TIG Torch
Magnum Parts Kit provides all the torch accessories you need to start welding. Parts kit provides collets, collet bodies, a black cap, alumina nozzles and tungstens in a variety of sizes, all packaged in an easy to carry reclosable sack.

K870 Foot Amptrol®

K963-3 Hand Amptrol®

K2535-1 Precision TIG 225 Ready-Pak(For AC TIG)

K2350-2 Invertec® V205-T AC/DC One-Pak™ Package (For AC TIG)

PLASMA CUTTING

K1580-1 Pro-Cut 55
Cuts mild steel using the 3-phase AC generator power from the engine driven welder. Accepts 3-phase or 1-phase input power. Requires the K1816-1 Full KVA adapter kit, if connected for 1-phase input power.

SAFETY PRECAUTIONS

⚠ WARNING

- **Have qualified personnel do all maintenance and troubleshooting work.**
- **Turn the engine off before working inside the machine or servicing the engine.**
- **Remove guards only when necessary to perform maintenance and replace them when the maintenance requiring their removal is complete. If guards are missing from the machine, obtain replacements from a Lincoln Distributor. (See Operating Manual Parts List.)**

Read the Safety Precautions in the front of this manual and in the Engine Owner's Manual before working on this machine.

Keep all equipment safety guards, covers, and devices in position and in good repair. Keep hands, hair, clothing, and tools away from the gears, fans, and all other moving parts when starting, operating, or repairing the equipment.

ROUTINE MAINTENANCE

At the end of each day's use, refill the fuel tank to minimize moisture condensation in the tank. Running out of fuel tends to draw dirt into the fuel system. Also, check the crankcase oil level and add oil if indicated.

Engine Oil Change

Drain the engine oil while the engine is warm to assure rapid and complete draining. It is recommended that each time the oil is changed the oil filter be changed as well.

- Be sure the unit is off. Disconnect the negative battery cable to ensure safety.
- Locate oil drain hose and valve in bottom of base and pull through the hole in the battery access panel on the welder.
- Remove the cap from the drain valve. Push valve in and twist counterclockwise. Pull to open and drain the oil into a suitable container for disposal.
- Close the drain valve by pushing in and twisting clockwise. Replace the cap.
- Re-fill the crankcase to the upper limit mark on the dipstick with the recommended oil (see engine operation manual OR engine service items decal OR below). Replace and tighten the oil filler cap securely.
- Push oil drain hose and valve back into unit, re-connect negative battery cable, and close doors and engine top cover before restarting unit.Wash your hands with soap and water after handling used motor oil. Please dispose of used motor oil in a manner that is compatible with the environment. We suggest you take it in a sealed container to your local service station or recycling center for reclamation. DO NOT throw it in the trash; pour it on the ground or down a drain.

Use motor oil designed for diesel engines that meets requirements for API service classification CC/CD/CE/CF/CF-4/CG-4 or CH-4.

ACEA E1/E2/E3. Always check the API service label on the oil container to be sure it includes the letters indicated. (Note: An S-grade oil must not be used in a diesel engine or damage may result. It IS permissible to use an oil that meets S and C grade service classifications.)

SAE 10W30 is recommended for general, all temperature use, 5F to 104F (-15C to 40C).

See engine owner's manual for more specific information on oil viscosity recommendations.

OIL FILTER CHANGE

- Drain the oil.
- Remove the oil filter with an oil filter wrench and drain the oil into a suitable container. Discard the used filter. Note: Care should be taken during filter removal to not disrupt or damage in any way the fuel lines.
- Clean the filter mounting base and coat the gasket of the new filter with clean engine oil.
- Screw the new filter on by hand until the gasket contacts the mounting base. Using an oil filter wrench, tighten the filter an additional 1/2 to 7/8 of a turn.
- Refill the crankcase with the specified amount of the recommended engine oil. Reinstall the oil filler cap and tighten securely.
- Start the engine and check for oil filter leaks.
- Stop the engine and check the oil level. If necessary, add oil to the upper limit mark on the dipstick.

⚠ WARNING

- **Never use gasoline or low flash point solvents for cleaning the air cleaner element. A fire or explosion could result.**

⚠ CAUTION

- **Never run the engine without the air cleaner. Rapid engine wear will result from contaminants, such as dust and dirt being drawn into the engine.**

AIR CLEANER

The diesel engine is equipped with a dry type air filter. Never apply oil to it. Service the air cleaner as follows:

Replace the element every 500 hours of operation. Under dusty conditions, replace sooner.

FIGURE D.2

ENGINE SERVICE

S26402 VM

EVERY DAY OR EVERY 8 HOURS
FIRST SERVICE (20 / 50 HOURS)
EVERY 100 HOURS OR 3 MONTHS
EVERY 250 HOURS OR 6 MONTHS
EVERY 500 HOURS OR 12 MONTHS
EVERY 1000 HOURS

ENGINE SERVICE (NOTE 2)

						MAINTENANCE ITEM	TYPE OR QUANTITY
I						Coolant Level	
			I			Concentration of Antifreeze	50/50 Water/Ethylene Glycol
					R	Coolant (NOTE 3)	7.9 qt., 7.5 L
I						Engine oil level (NOTE 1)	
	R			R		Engine oil (NOTE 1 & 3)	7.8 qt., 7.4L (Including filter)
	R			R		Engine oil filter	Deutz 04112261
C						Drain water separator & fuel strainer	
				R		Fuel filter canister	Deutz 04114220
			I			Tension of alternator drive belt	
			I			Alternator drive belt wear	
					R	Alternator drive belt	Deutz 04113538
C						Air filter (earlier check may be	
				R		Air filter element	Donaldson #P822686
					R	Renew the engine breather	
					I	Tighten cylinder head	
					I	Electrical systems	
					I	All nuts and bolts for tightness	
				I		Injector performance	Contact Deutz
I						Leaks or engine damage	
				I		Battery	

I = Inspect C = Clean R = Replace

Notes:

(1) Consult Engine Operators Manual for oil recommendations.

(2) Consult Engine Operators Manual for additional maintenance schedule information.

(3) Fill slowly! Ensure correct quantity is used.

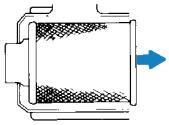
Above operations to be carried out by trained personnel with reference to the workshop manual where necessary.

These preventive maintenance periods apply to average conditions of operation. If necessary, use shorter peroids.

Service Instructions

Single- and Two-Stage Engine Air Cleaners

1 Remove the Filter



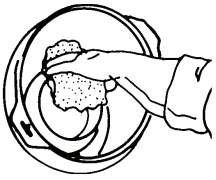
Rotate the filter while pulling straight out.

Unfasten or unlatch the service cover. Because the filter fits tightly over the outlet tube to create the critical seal, there will be some initial resistance, similar to breaking the seal on a jar. Gently move the end of the filter back and forth to break the seal then rotate while pulling straight out. Avoid knocking the filter against the housing.

If your air cleaner has a safety filter, replace it every third primary filter change. Remove the safety filter as you would the primary filter. Make sure you cover the air cleaner outlet tube to avoid any unfiltered contaminant dropping into the engine.

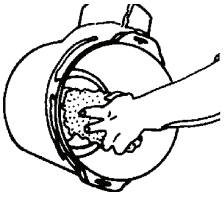
2 Clean Both Surfaces of the Outlet Tube and Check the Vacuator™ Valve

Use a clean cloth to wipe the filter sealing surface and the inside of the outlet tube. Contaminant on the sealing surface could hinder an effective seal and cause leakage. Make sure that all contaminant is removed before the new filter is inserted. Dirt accidently transferred to the inside of the outlet tube will reach the engine and cause wear. Engine manufacturers say that it takes only a few grams of dirt to "dust" an engine! Be careful not to damage the sealing area on the tube.



Outer edge of the outlet tube

Wipe both sides of the outlet tube clean.

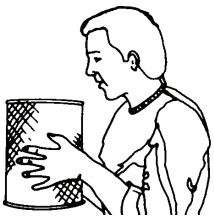


Inner edge of the outlet tube

If your air cleaner is equipped with a Vacuator Valve
Visually check and physically squeeze to make sure the valve is flexible and not inverted, damaged or plugged.

3 Inspect the Old Filter for Leak Clues

Visually inspect the old filter for any signs of leaks. A streak of dust on the clean side of the filter is a telltale sign. Remove any cause of leaks before installing new filter.



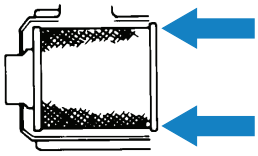
4 Inspect the New Filter for Damage

Inspect the new filter carefully, paying attention to the inside of the open end, which is the sealing area. NEVER install a damaged filter. A new Donaldson radial seal filter may have a dry lubricant on the seal to aid installation.

5 Insert the New Radial Seal Filter Properly

If you're servicing the safety filter, this should be seated into position before installing the primary filter.

Insert the new filter carefully. Seat the filter by hand, making certain it is completely into the air cleaner housing before securing the cover in place.



The critical sealing area will stretch slightly, adjust itself and distribute the sealing pressure evenly. To complete a tight seal, apply pressure by hand at the outer rim of the filter, not the flexible center. (Avoid pushing on the center of the urethane end cap.) No cover pressure is required to hold the seal. NEVER use the service cover to push the filter into place! Using the cover to push the filter in could cause damage to the housing, cover fasteners and will void the warranty.

If the service cover hits the filter before it is fully in place, remove the cover and push the filter (by hand) further into the air cleaner and try again. The cover should go on with no extra force.

Once the filter is in place, secure the service cover.

Caution

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6 Check Connectors for Tight Fit

Make sure that all mounting bands, clamps, bolts, and connections in the entire air cleaner system are tight. Check for holes in piping and repair if needed. Any leaks in your intake piping will send dust directly to the engine!

COOLING SYSTEM

⚠ WARNING

HOT COOLANT can burn skin.

- **Do not remove cap if radiator is hot.**

Check the coolant level by observing the level in the radiator and recovery bottle. Add 50/50 antifreeze / water solution if the level is close to or below the "LOW" mark. do not fill above the "FULL" mark. Remove radiator cap and add coolant to radiator. Fill up to the top of the tube in the radiator filler neck which includes a connecting hose coming from the thermostat housing.

To drain the coolant, open the valve at the bottom of the radiator. Open the radiator cap to allow complete drainage. (Tighten the valve and refill with a 50/50 antifreeze/water solution.) Use an automotive grade (low silicate) ethylene glycol antifreeze. The cooling system capacity is 7.9 qts. (7.5L). Squeeze upper and lower radiator hoses while filling to bleed air from system coolant. Replace and tighten the radiator cap.

⚠ CAUTION

Always premix the antifreeze and clean tap water before adding to the radiator. It is very important that a precise 50/50 solution be used with this engine year round. This gives proper cooling during hot weather and freezing protection to -34° F (-37° C).

Cooling solution exceeding 50% ethylene glycol can result in engine overheating and damage to the engine. Coolant solution must be premixed before adding to radiator.

Periodically remove the dirt from the radiator fins. Periodically check the fan belt and radiator hoses. Replace if signs of deterioration are found.

TIGHTENING THE FAN BELT

See Deutz engine manual.

FUEL

Diesel Fuel Only - Low sulphur fuel or ultra low sulphur fuel in U.S.A. and Canada only.

At the end of each day's use, refill the fuel tank to minimize moisture condensation and dirt contamination in the fuel line. Do not overfill; leave room for the fuel to expand.

Use only fresh No. 2D diesel fuel, the use of No. 1D diesel fuel is recommended in place of No. 2D at temperatures below 23°F (-5°C). Do not use kerosene.

See the Engine Operator's Manual for instructions on replacing the fuel filter.

BLEEDING THE FUEL SYSTEM

You may need to bleed air from the fuel system if the fuel filter or fuel lines have been detached, the fuel tank has been ran empty or after periods of long storage. It is recommended that the fuel shutoff valve be closed during periods of non-use.

⚠ WARNING

To avoid personal injury, do not bleed a hot engine. This could cause fuel to spill onto a hot exhaust manifold, creating a danger of fire.

Bleed the fuel system as follows:

1. Fill the fuel tank with fuel.
2. Open the fuel shut off valve.
3. Loosen bleed screw on top of fuel filter.
4. Operate hand priming lever until fuel comes out the bleed screw on the injector manifold. This could take 20-30 seconds of rapid operation of the priming lever. Tighten the bleed screw.
5. Follow normal STARTING procedures until engine starts.

FUEL FILTER

1. Check the fuel filter and fuel pre-filter for water accumulation or sediment.

2. Replace the fuel filter if it is found with excessive water accumulation or sediment. Empty fuel pre-filter.

OVERSPEED IS HAZARDOUS

The maximum allowable high idle speed for this machine is 1800 R.P.M. no load. Do NOT tamper with governor components or setting or make any other adjustments to increase the maximum speed. Severe personal injury and damage to the machine can result if operated at speeds above maximum.

ENGINE ADJUSTMENT

Adjustments to the engine are to be made only by a Lincoln Service Center or an authorized Field Service Shop.

BATTERY MAINTENANCE

To access the battery, remove the battery tray from the front of the machine with 3/8" nut driver or flat head screw driver. Pull the tray out of machine far enough to disconnect the negative and then positive battery cables. The tray can then be tilted and lifted to remove the entire tray and battery from the machine for easy service.

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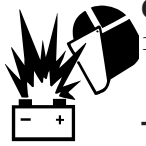

GASES FROM BATTERY can explode.

- **Keep sparks, flame and cigarettes away from battery.**

To prevent EXPLOSION when:

- **INSTALLING A NEW BATTERY — disconnect negative cable from old battery first and connect to new battery last.**
- **CONNECTING A BATTERY CHARGER — remove battery from welder by disconnecting negative cable first, then positive cable and battery clamp. When reinstalling, connect negative cable last. Keep well ventilated.**
- **USING A BOOSTER — connect positive lead to battery first then connect negative lead to negative battery lead at engine foot.**

BATTERY ACID can burn eyes and skin.

- **Wear gloves and eye protection and be careful when working near battery.**
- **Follow instructions printed on battery.**

CLEANING THE BATTERY

Keep the battery clean by wiping it with a damp cloth when dirty. If the terminals appear corroded, disconnect the battery cables and wash the terminals with an ammonia solution or a solution of 1/4 pound (0.1113 kg) of baking soda and 1 quart (0.9461) of water. Be sure the battery vent plugs (if equipped) are tight so that none of the solution enters the cells.

After cleaning, flush the outside of the battery, the battery compartment, and surrounding areas with clear water. Coat the battery terminals lightly with petroleum jelly or a non-conductive grease to retard corrosion.

Keep the battery clean and dry. Moisture accumulation on the battery can lead to more rapid discharge and early battery failure.

CHECKING THE ELECTROLYTE LEVEL

If battery cells are low, fill them to the neck of the filler hole with distilled water and recharge. If one cell is low, check for leaks.

CHARGING THE BATTERY

When you charge, jump, replace, or otherwise connect battery cables to the battery, be sure the polarity is correct. Improper polarity can damage the charging circuit. The VANTAGE® 300 positive (+) battery terminal has a red terminal cover.

If you need to charge the battery with an external charger, disconnect the negative cable first, then the positive cable before you attach the charger leads. After the battery is charged, reconnect the positive battery cable first and the negative cable last. Failure to do so can result in damage to the internal charger components.

Follow the instructions of the battery charger manufacturer for proper charger settings and charging time.

SERVICING OPTIONAL SPARK ARRESTOR

Clean every 100 hours.

⚠ WARNING

- **MUFFLER MAY BE HOT**
- **ALLOW ENGINE TO COOL BEFORE INSTALLING THE SPARK ARRESTER!**
- **DO NOT OPERATE ENGINE WHILE INSTALLING THE SPARK ARRESTER!**

WELDER / GENERATOR MAINTENANCE

STORAGE: Store in clean, dry protected areas.

CLEANING: Blow out the generator and controls periodically with low pressure air. Do this at least once a week in particularly dirty areas.

BRUSH REMOVAL AND REPLACEMENT: It's normal for the brushes and slip rings to wear and darken slightly. Inspect the brushes when a generator overhaul is necessary.

⚠ CAUTION

- **Do not attempt to polish slip rings while the engine is running.**

⚠ WARNING

- **Service and Repair should only be performed by Lincoln Electric Factory Trained Personnel. Unauthorized repairs performed on this equipment may result in danger to the technician and machine operator and will invalidate your factory warranty. For your safety and to avoid Electrical Shock, please observe all safety notes and precautions.**

GFCI MODULE TESTING AND RESETTING PROCEDURE

The GFCI module should be properly tested at least once every month or whenever it is tripped. To properly test and reset the GFCI module:

- If the module has tripped, first carefully remove any load and check it for damage.
- If the equipment has been shut down, it must be restarted.
- The equipment needs to be operating at high idle speed and any necessary adjustments made on the control panel so that the equipment is providing at least 80 volts to the receptacle input terminals.
- The circuit breaker for this receptacle must not be tripped. Reset if necessary.
- Push the "Reset" button located on the GFCI module. This will assure normal GFCI operation.
- Plug a night-light (with an "ON/OFF" switch) or other product (such as a lamp) into the Duplex receptacle and turn the product "ON".
- Push the "Test" button located on the GFCI module. The night-light or other product should go "OFF".
- Push the "Reset" button, again. The light or other product should go "ON" again.

If the light or other product remains "ON" when the "Test" button is pushed, the GFCI module is not working properly or has been incorrectly installed (miswired). If your GFCI module is not working properly, contact a qualified, certified electrician who can assess the situation, rewire the GFCI module if necessary or replace the device.

HOW TO USE TROUBLESHOOTING GUIDE

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This Troubleshooting Guide is provided to help you locate and repair possible machine malfunctions. Simply follow the three-step procedure listed below.

Step 1. LOCATE PROBLEM (SYMPTOM).
Look under the column labeled “PROBLEM (SYMPTOMS)”. This column describes possible symptoms that the machine may exhibit. Find the listing that best describes the symptom that the machine is exhibiting.

Step 2. POSSIBLE CAUSE.
The second column labeled “POSSIBLE CAUSE” lists the obvious external possibilities that may contribute to the machine symptom.

Step 3. RECOMMENDED COURSE OF ACTION
This column provides a course of action for the Possible Cause, generally it states to contact your local Lincoln Authorized Field Service Facility.

If you do not understand or are unable to perform the Recommended Course of Action safely, contact your local Lincoln Authorized Field Service Facility.

⚠ CAUTION

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TROUBLESHOOTING

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Observe all Safety Guidelines detailed throughout this manual

PROBLEMS (SYMPTOMS)	POSSIBLE CAUSE	RECOMMENDED COURSE OF ACTION
Major Physical or Electrical Damage is Evident.	**1. Contact your local Lincoln Authorized Field Service Facility.**	If all recommended possible areas of misadjustment have been checked and the problem persists, **Contact your local Lincoln Authorized Field Service Facility.**
Engine will not "crank".	1. Battery is low, Charge Battery. 2. Loose battery cable connections. Inspect, clean and tighten terminals. 3. Faulty engine starter motor. Contact authorized local Engine Service Shop.	
Engine will "crank" but not start.	1. Fuel shut off valve on Main Fuel Filter in the OFF position. Open valve (vertical) position of handle. 2. Fuel Filters dirty/clogged. Check and replace main filter element and/or Inline Fuel Filter. 3. Out of fuel. Fill tank and bleed fuel system. 4. High coolant temperature or low oil pressure. (indictor lights lit) Check oil and coolant levels. Fill if required. Check for loose or broken fan belt. 5. ON/OFF switch on for more then 60 seconds before starting. The ON/OFF switch will need to be switched off and turned back on. 6. Electronic Governor Controller not functioning properly. 7. Faulty fuel pump. Check for fuel flow through filters. Contact authorized local Engine Service Shop.	
Engine shuts down shortly after starting.	1. High coolant temperature or low oil pressure. (indictor light lit) Change oil and oil filters and fill to proper level. Check and fill coolant level. Check for loose or broken fan belt. Start engine and look for leaks. 2. Faulty oil pressure switch or other engine component. Contact authorized local Engine Service Shop. 3. Faulty Idler/Protection Board.	

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PROBLEMS (SYMPTOMS)	POSSIBLE CAUSE	RECOMMENDED COURSE OF ACTION
Engine shuts down while under a load.	1. High radiator coolant temperature. Reduce load if it is exceeding machine rating. Add coolant to system if low. Clean fins on radiator if dirty. Tighten fan belt if loose. Remove objects blocking or close to intake openings on both sides of base and exhaust end (case back).	If all recommended possible areas of misadjustment have been checked and the problem persists, **Contact your local Lincoln Authorized Field Service Facility.**
Engine runs rough.	1. Dirty fuel or air filters. Inspect and clean/replace filters as needed. Inspect and clean/replace filters as needed. 2. Water in fuel. If water found in tank. Empty fuel tank and refill then purge fuel lines.	
Battery does not stay charged. Engine alternator trouble light is on while machine is running.	1. Faulty battery. Replace. 2. Loose connections at battery or alternator. Clean and tighten connections. 3. Faulty engine alternator or charger module. Consult authorized Engine Service Shop.	
Engine will not idle down to low speed.	1. Idler switch in High idle position. Set switch to Auto. 2. External load on welder or auxiliary power. Remove all external loads. 3. Faulty PC Board or Electronic Governor Controller.	
Engine will not go to high idle when attempting to weld.	1. Poor work lead connection to work. Make sure work clamp is tightly connected to clean base metal. 2. "Contactor" switch is in wrong position. Set to "Welding On" when welding without a control cable. Refer to Operations chapter for proper use of this switch. 3. Faulty PC Board or Electronic Governor controller.	

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PROBLEMS (SYMPTOMS)	POSSIBLE CAUSE	RECOMMENDED COURSE OF ACTION
Engine will not go to high idle when using auxiliary power.	1. Auxiliary power load is less than 100 watts. Idler may not respond with less than a 100 watt load. Set idler to "High". 2. Faulty PC board.(Control or Idler). 3. Faulty Electronic Governor controller.	If all recommended possible areas of misadjustment have been checked and the problem persists, **Contact your local Lincoln Authorized Field Service Facility.**
Engine will not go to high idle under weld or auxiliary loading.	1. Faulty idler solenoid. Check for bent linkage or broken spring. 2. Faulty PC board.(Control or Idler). 3. Faulty Electronic Governor controller.	
Engine does not develop full power. Engine runs rough.	1. Fuel filter clogged, Replace. 2. Air filter clogged, clean or replace. 3. High idle setting incorrect, check and adjust if required. 4. Valves out of adjustment. 5. Fuel contaminated with water or sediment. Check fuel pre-filter and empty of water, bleed fuel system. Replace fuel in tank if needed.	
Engine will not go to high idle when attempting to weld or using auxiliary power. Switching to manual high idle does not work.	1. Faulty PC Board (Control or Idler). 2. Faulty Electronic Governor controller.	
Engine will not shut off.	1. Fuel shutdown solenoid not functioning properly. Faulty electronic governor controller. contact authorized local Engine service Shop.	

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PROBLEMS (SYMPTOMS)	POSSIBLE CAUSE	RECOMMENDED COURSE OF ACTION
Engine does not develop full power. Low weld and auxiliary output. Engine runs rough.	1. Fuel filter dirty/clogged. Replace. 2. Air filter dirty/clogged. Replace Air Filter Element. 3. Fouled fuel injector(s). Contact authorized Engine Service Shop. 4. Fuel contaminated with water. Check Main Filter Bowl and Inline Fuel filters for water. Clean and replace as needed. Replace fuel in tank. 5. Cracked or loose fuel hose. Replace hose and tighten clamps. 6. Valves out of adjustment. Contact authorized local Engine Service Shop.	If all recommended possible areas of misadjustment have been checked and the problem persists, **Contact your local Lincoln Authorized Field Service Facility.**
No welding power output.	1. Poor work lead connection to work. Make sure work clamp is tightly connected to clean base metal. 2. "Weld Terminals" switch in wrong position. Place switch in "Weld Terminals On" position when welding without control cable. 3. Faulty PC board or welder alternator.	
Welder has output but no control.	1. Poor remote/control cable connection to 6-pin or 14-pin connector. Check connections. 2. Faulty remote cable or faulty wire feeder or wire feeder cable. Replace if necessary. 3. Faulty control potentiometer or PC board.	
Wire feeder does not work when control cable is connected to 14 pin connector.	1. Wire Feeder Power circuit breaker open. Check 42V and 120V beakers and reset if tripped. 2. Faulty control cable. Repair or replace cable. 3. Faulty wire feeder. Replace wire feeder.	

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No auxiliary power.	1. Open circuit breakers. Reset breakers. If breakers keep tripping reduce power draw. 2. GFCI may have tripped. Follow “GFCI Testing and Resetting Procedure” in the MAINTENANCE section of this manual. 3. Faulty connections to auxiliary receptacles. Check connections. 4. Faulty PC board or welder alternator.	If all recommended possible areas of misadjustment have been checked and the problem persists, **Contact your local Lincoln Authorized Field Service Facility.**
The welding arc is “cold.” The welding arc is not stable or is not satisfactory. the engine runs normally. The auxiliary power is normal.	1. Make sure the MODE selector switch is in the correct position for the process being used. (For example, CV-WIRE, PIPE, CC-STICK.) 2. Make sure the electrode (wire, gas, voltage, current etc.) is correct for the process being used. 3. Check for loose or faulty connections at the weld output terminals and welding cable connections. 4. The welding cables may be too long or coiled, causing an excessive voltage drop. 5. Faulty Control Board.	
No output in Pipe Mode.	1. Make sure VRD ON/OFF toggle switch is in the “OFF” position. 2. Poor work lead connection to work. Make sure work clamp is tightly connected to clean base metal. 3. "Weld Terminals" switch in wrong position. Place switch in "Weld Terminals On" position when welding without control cable. 4. Faulty PC board or welder alternator.	
VRD Lights don’t light up.	1. Ensure VRD ON/OFF switch is in the “ON” position. 2. If light is burned out, replace both VRD lights. 3. Faulty OCV indicator PC board.	

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WITH OPTIONAL K857 REMOTE CONTROL

WARNING
● Do not operate with panels open.
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● Do not touch electrically live parts.
● Keep guards in place.
● Keep away from moving parts.
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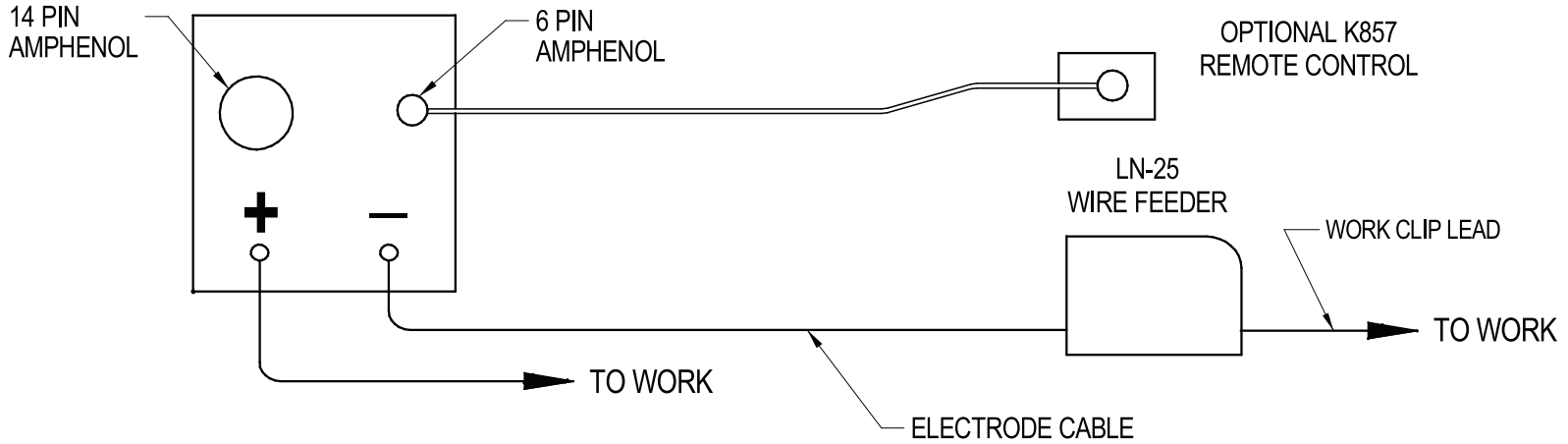

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N.B. CONNECT WELDING CABLES TO OUTPUT STUDS FOR DESIRED POLARITY. POSITION THE WIRE FEEDER VOLTMETER SWITCH TO MATCH THE POLARITY OF THE ELECTRODE CABLE.

N.C. PLACE THE MODE SWITCH IN THE “CV-WIRE” POSITION.

N.D. PLACE THE WELDING TERMINALS SWITCH IN THE “WELD TERMINALS ON” POSITION.

N.E. PLACE IDLER SWITCH IN “AUTO” OR “HIGH” IDLE POSITION AS DESIRED.

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ENGINE WELDERS /LN-25 ACROSS THE ARC CONNECTION DIAGRAM WITH OPTIONAL K444-1 REMOTE CONTROL

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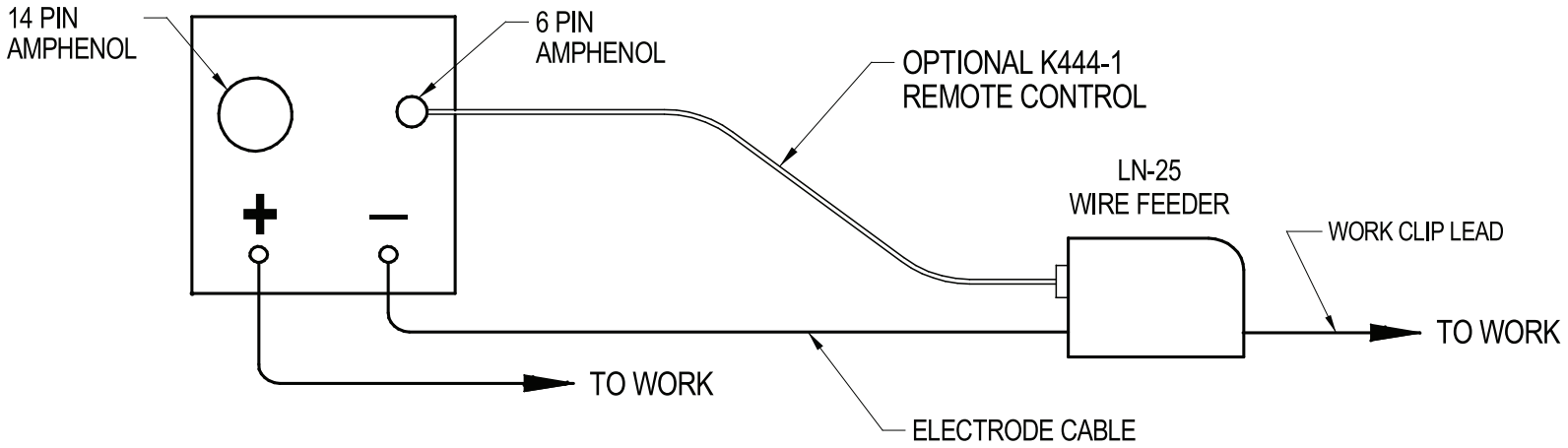

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ENGINE WELDERS /LN-7 CONNECTION DIAGRAM

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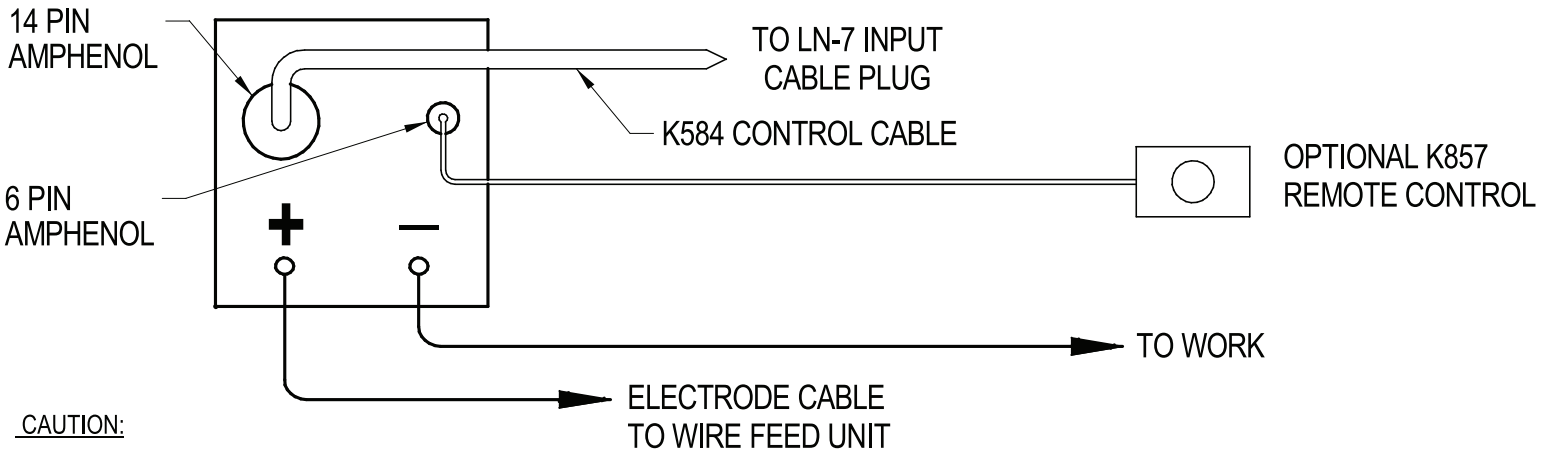

CAUTION:

ANY INCREASE OF THE HIGH IDLE ENGINE RPM BY CHANGING THE GOVERNOR SETTING OR OVERRIDING THE THROTTLE LINKAGE WILL CAUSE AN INCREASE IN THE AC WIRE FEEDER VOLTAGE, WHICH CAN DAMAGE THE CONTROL CIRCUIT. THE ENGINE GOVERNOR SETTING IS PRE-SET AT THE FACTORY – DO NOT ADJUST ABOVE RPM SPECIFICATIONS LISTED IN THE ENGINE WELDER OPERATING MANUAL.

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N.C. PLACE THE MODE SWITCH IN THE “CV-WIRE” POSITION.
N.D. PLACE IDLER SWITCH IN “HIGH” POSITION.

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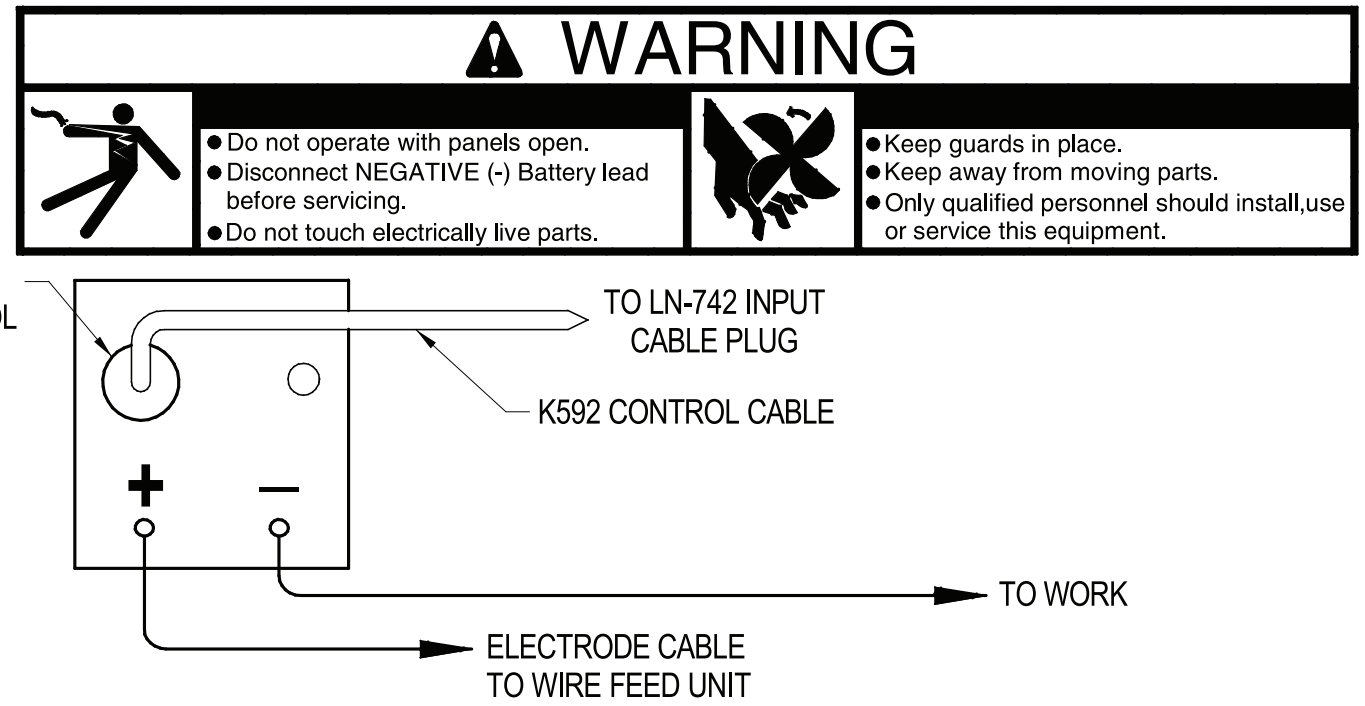
ENGINE WELDERS /LN-742 CONNECTION DIAGRAM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14 PIN AMPHENOL
TO LN-742 INPUT CABLE PLUG
K592 CONTROL CABLE
+
–
TO WORK
ELECTRODE CABLE TO WIRE FEED UNIT

CAUTION:

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N.A. WELDING CABLES MUST BE OF PROPER CAPACITY FOR THE CURRENT AND DUTY CYCLE OF IMMEDIATE AND FUTURE APPLICATIONS. SEE OPERATING MANUAL.
N.B. CONNECT WELDING CABLES TO OUTPUT STUDS FOR DESIRED POLARITY. POSITION THE WIRE FEEDER VOLTMETER SWITCH TO MATCH THE POLARITY OF THE ELECTRODE CABLE.
N.C. PLACE THE MODE SWITCH IN THE “CV-WIRE” POSITION.
N.D. PLACE WELDER TERMINALS SWITCH TO “REMOTELY CONTROLLED” POSITION.
N.E. PLACE IDLER SWITCH IN “AUTO” OR “HIGH” IDLE POSITION AS DESIRED.

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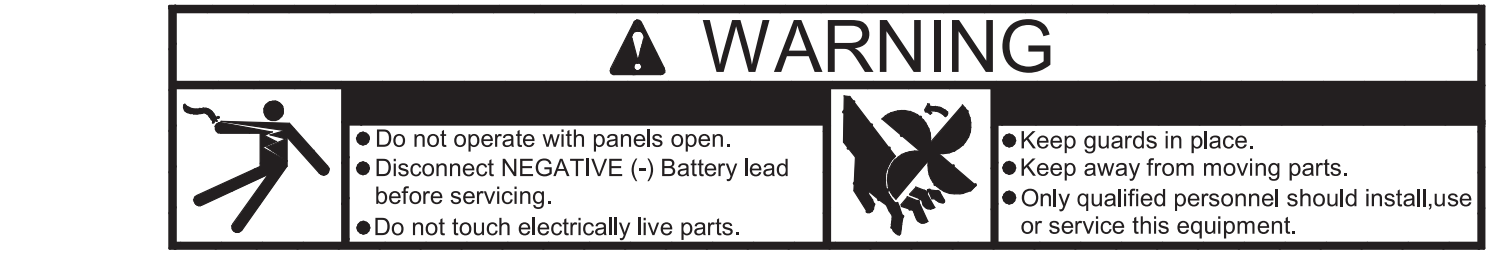
ENGINE WELDERS /LN-8 CONNECTION DIAGRAM


WARNING
● Do not operate with panels open.
● Disconnect NEGATIVE (-) Battery lead before servicing.
● Do not touch electrically live parts.
● Keep guards in place.
● Keep away from moving parts.
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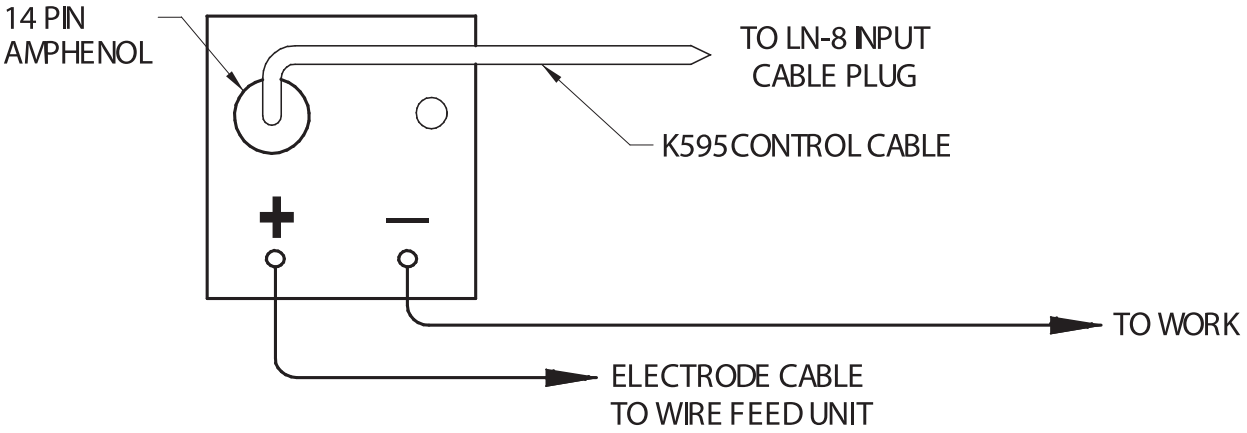

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N.B. CONNECT WELDING CABLES TO OUTPUT STUDS FOR DESIRED POLARITY. POSITION THE WIRE FEEDER VOLTMETER SWITCH TO MATCH THE POLARITY OF THE ELECTRODE CABLE.
N.C. PLACE IDLER SWITCH IN "HIGH" POSITION.

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ENGINE WELDERS TO K867 CONTROL CABLE ADAPTER CONNECTION DIAGRAM

WARNING
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● Keep guards in place.
● Keep away from moving parts.
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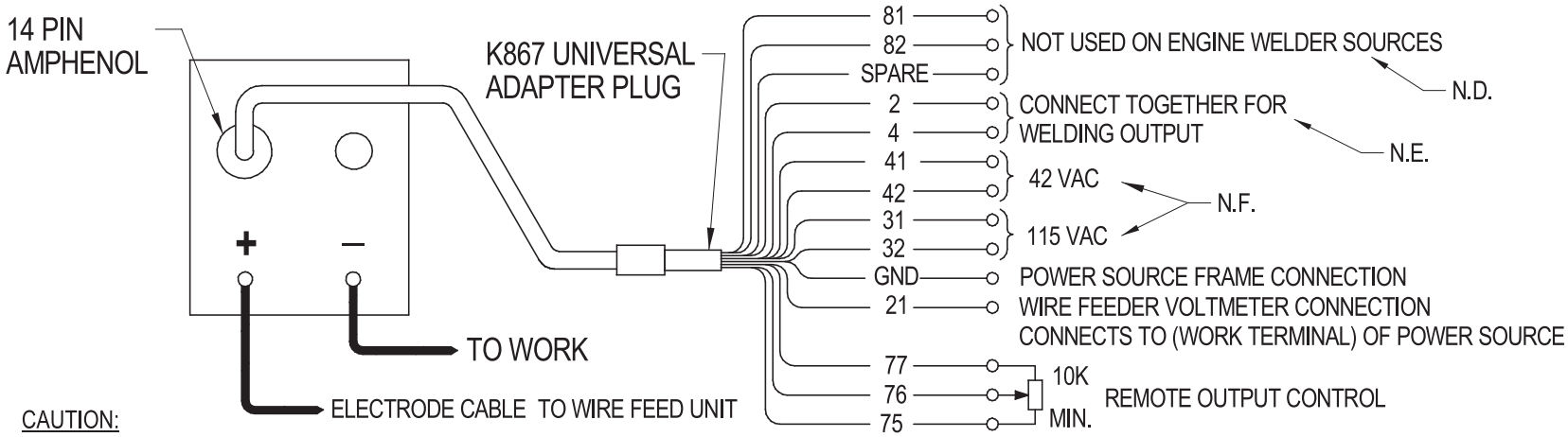

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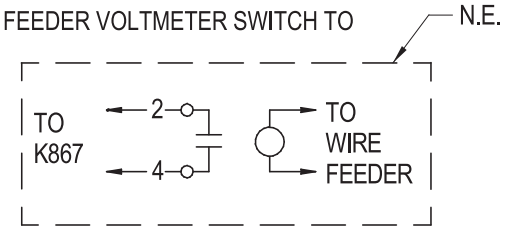
N.A. WELDING CABLES MUST BE SIZED FOR CURRENT AND DUTY CYCLE OF APPLICATION.
N.B. CONNECT WELDING CABLES TO OUTPUT STUDS FOR DESIRED POLARITY. POSITION THE WIRE FEEDER VOLTMETER SWITCH TO MATCH THE POLARITY OF THE ELECTRODE CABLE.
N.C. PLACE THE MODE SWITCH IN THE "CV-WIRE" POSITION.
N.D. INSULATE EACH UNUSED LEADS INDIVIDUALLY.
N.E. FOR WIRE FEEDERS THAT RETURN A SIGNAL FOR WELDING OUTPUT, USE ISOLATION RELAY TO CLOSE LEADS 2 & 4 (SEE DETAIL).
N.F. REFER TO POWER SOURCE INSTRUCTION MANUAL FOR MAXIMUM AUXILIARY CURRENT DRAW.



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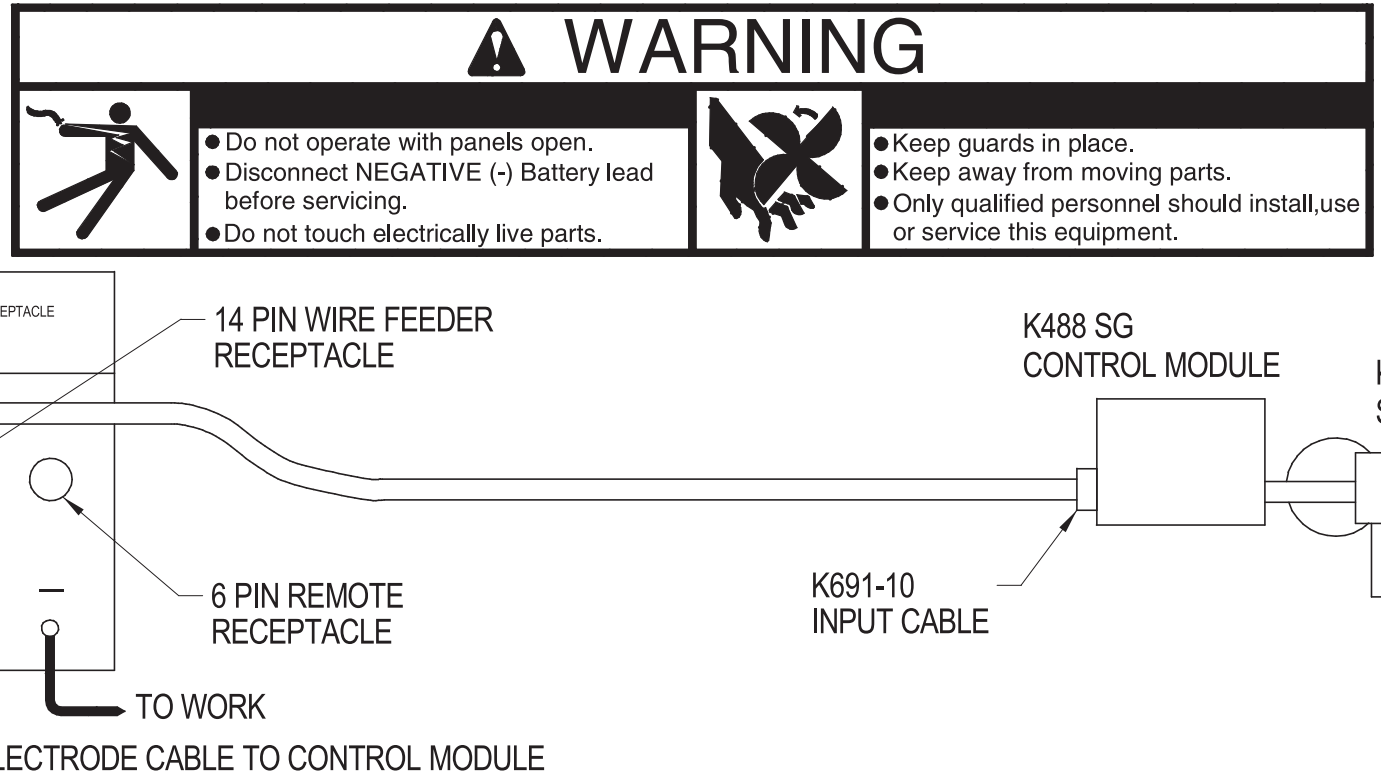
ENGINE WELDERS / K691-10 / K488 / K487 SPOOL GUN CONNECTION DIAGRAM


WARNING
● Do not operate with panels open.
● Disconnect NEGATIVE (-) Battery lead before servicing.
● Do not touch electrically live parts.
● Keep guards in place.
● Keep away from moving parts.
● Only qualified personnel should install,use or service this equipment.
115V RECEPTACLE
RANGER
14 PIN WIRE FEEDER RECEPTACLE
K488 SG CONTROL MODULE
K487-25 SPOOL GUN
+
–
6 PIN REMOTE RECEPTACLE
K691-10 INPUT CABLE
TO WORK
ELECTRODE CABLE TO CONTROL MODULE

CAUTION: BE SURE THAT CONTROL MODULE MODE SWITCH IS IN THE "LINCOLN" (CONTACT CLOSURE) POSITION BEFORE ATTEMPTING TO OPERATE CONTROL MODULE. INCORRECT SWITCH POSITION COULD RESULT IN DAMAGE TO THE CONTROL MODULE AND/OR POWER SOURCE.

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N.A. WELDING CABLES MUST BE SIZED FOR CURRENT AND DUTY CYCLE OF APPLICATION.
N.B. CONNECT WELDING CABLES TO OUTPUT STUDS FOR DESIRED POLARITY.
N.C. PLACE THE MODE SWITCH IN THE "CV-WIRE" POSITION. PLACE WELDING TERMINALS SWITCH TO "REMOTELY CONTROLLED" POSITION.
N.D. PLACE IDLER SWITCH IN "HIGH" IDLE POSITION.

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ENGINE WELDERS / K930 TIG MODULE / CONNECTION DIAGRAM

WARNING
● Do not operate with panels open.
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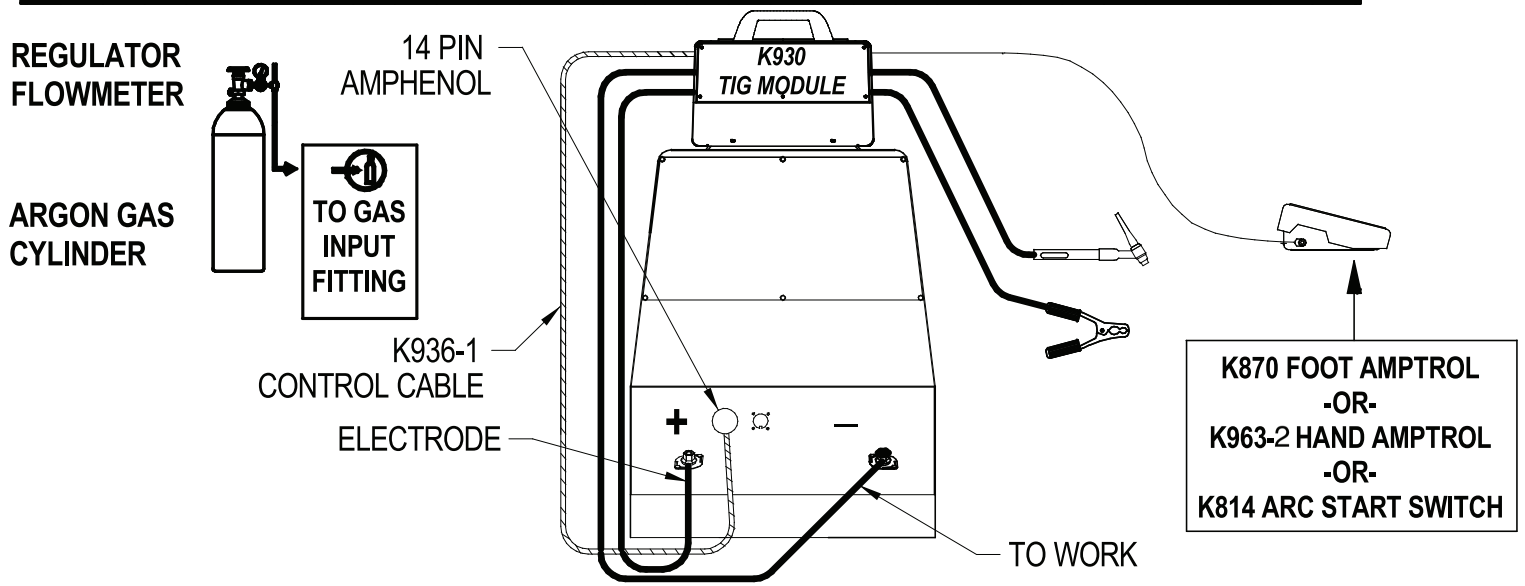
● Keep guards in place.
● Keep away from moving parts.
● Only qualified personnel should install,use or service this equipment.



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N.A. WELDING CABLES MUST BE OF PROPER CAPACITY FOR THE CURRENT AND DUTY CYCLE OF IMMEDIATE AND FUTURE APPLICATIONS. SEE OPERATING MANUAL.
N.B. CONNECT WELDING CABLES TO OUTPUT STUDS FOR DESIRED POLARITY.
N.C. PLACE THE MODE SWITCH IN THE "TIG" POSITION.
N.D. PLACE OUTPUT CONTROL SWITCH IN "REMOTE CONTROL" POSITION.
N.E. PLACE IDLER SWITCH IN "AUTO" OR "HIGH" IDLE POSITION AS DESIRED.

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ENGINE WELDERS /K2259-1COBRAMATIC CONNECTION DIAGRAM

WARNING
● Do not operate with panels open.
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● Do not touch electrically live parts.
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● Keep away from moving parts.
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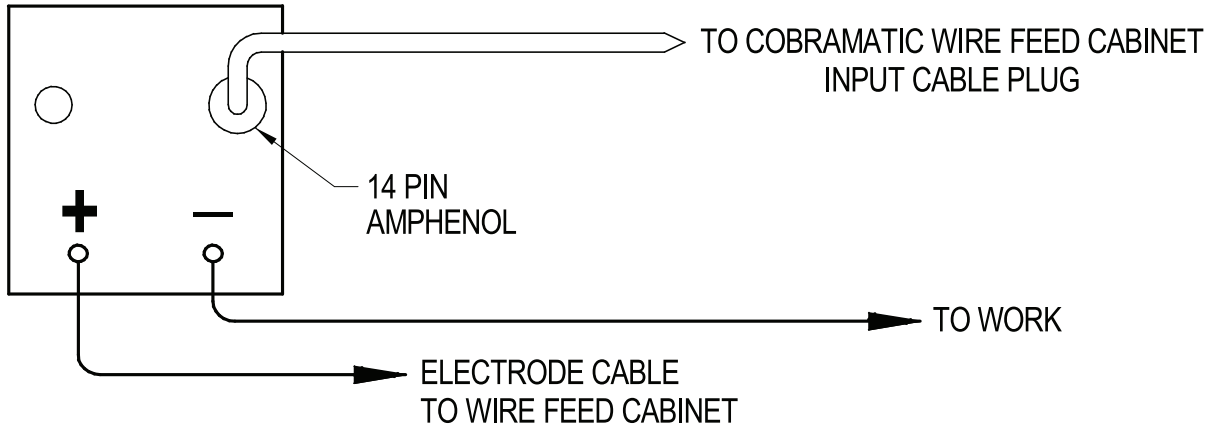

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N.B. SET THE WIRE FEEDER VOLTMETER TO THE "+" POSITION. THE POSA-START FEATURE WILL NOT OPERATE UNLESS THIS SWITCH IS SET TO MATCH THE POLARITY OF THE ELECTRODE CABLE.
N.C. POSITION THE MODE SWITCH TO "CV-WIRE".

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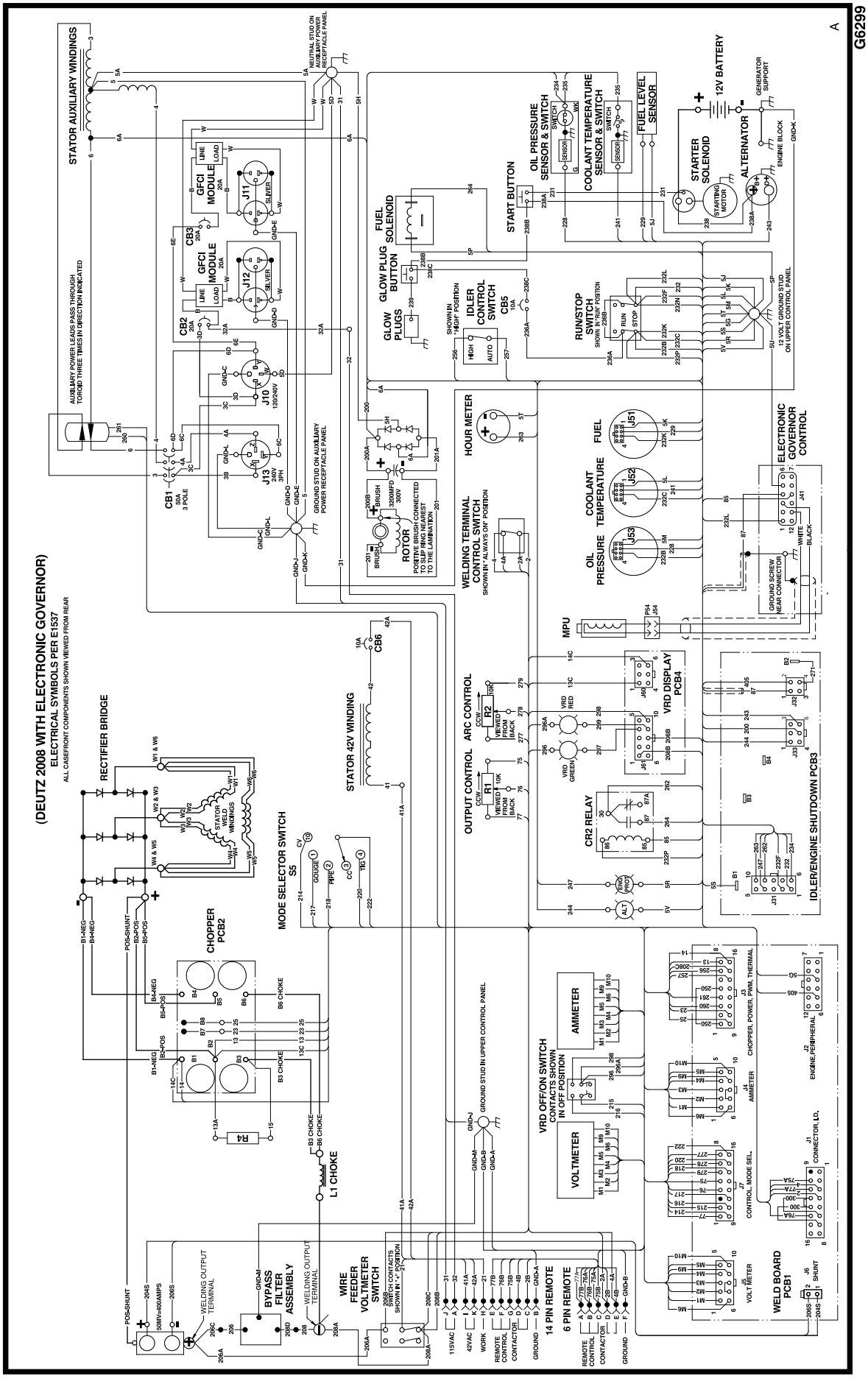
VANTAGE 300 WIRING DIAGRAM



NOTE: This diagram is for reference only. It may not be accurate for all machines covered by this manual. The specific diagram for a particular code is incuded with the machine. If the diagram is illegible, write to the Service Department for a replacement. Give the equipment code number.

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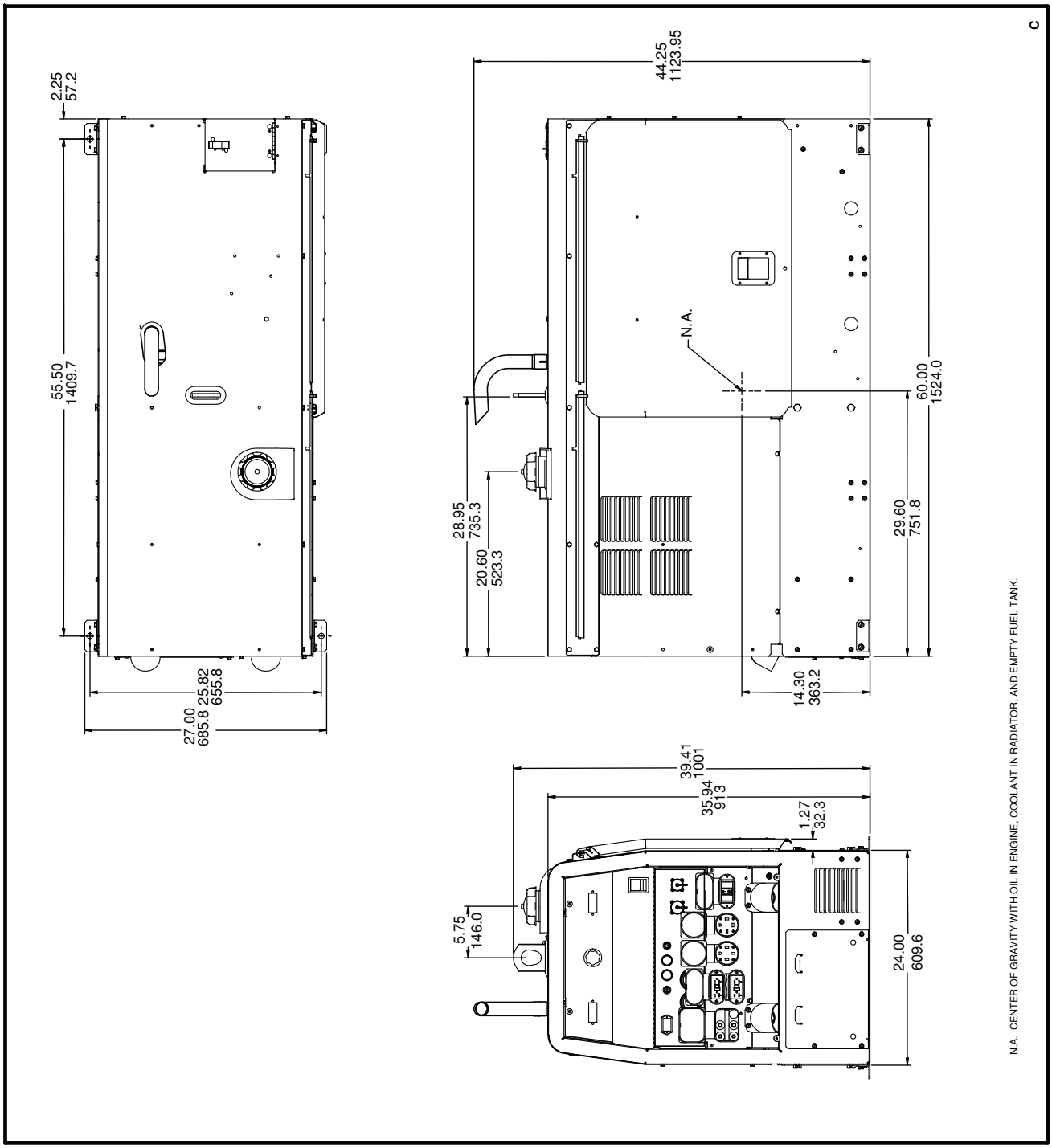

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		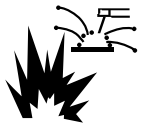	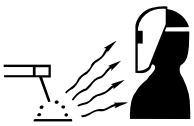
WARNING	1 Do not touch electrically live parts or electrode with skin or wet clothing. 1 Insulate yourself from work and ground.	1 Keep flammable materials away.	1 Wear eye, ear and body protection.
Spanish **AVISO DE PRECAUCION**	1 No toque las partes o los electrodos bajo carga con la piel o ropa mojada. 1 Aislese del trabajo y de la tierra.	1 Mantenga el material combustible fuera del area de trabajo.	1 Protejase los ojos, los oidos y el cuerpo.
French **ATTENTION**	1 Ne laissez ni la peau ni des vetements mouillés entrer en contact avec des pièces sous tension. 1 Isolez-vous du travail et de la terre.	1 Gardez à l'écart de tout matériel inflammable.	1 Protégez vos yeux, vos oreilles et votre corps.
German **WARNUNG**	1 Berühren Sie keine stromführenden Teile oder Elektroden mit Ihrem Körper oder feuchter Kleidung! 1 Isolieren Sie sich von den Elektroden und dem	1 Entfernen Sie brennbares Material!	1 Tragen Sie Augen-, Ohren- und Körperschutz!
Portuguese **ATENÇÃO**		1 Mantenha inflamáveis bem	1 Use proteção para a vista ouvido e corpo.
Japanese **注意事項**	● 通電中の電気部品、又は溶材にヒフやぬれた布で触れないこと。 ● 施工物やアースから身体が絶縁されている様にして下さい。	● 燃えやすいものの側での溶接作業は絶対にしてはなりません。	● 目、耳及び身体に保護具をして下さい。
Chinese **警 告**	● 皮肤或濕衣物切勿接觸帶電部件及銲條。 ● 使你自己與地面和工件絕緣。	● 把一切易燃物品移離工作場所。	● 佩戴眼、耳及身體勞動保護用具。
Korean **위 험**	● 전도체나 용접봉을 젖은 헝겁 또는 피부로 절대 접촉치 마십시요. ● 모재와 접지를 접촉치 마십시요.	● 인화성 물질을 접근 시키지 마시요.	● 눈, 귀와 몸에 보호장구를 착용하십시요.
Arabic **تحذير**	● لا تلمس الاجزاء التي يسري فيها التيار الكهربائي أو الالكترود بجلد الجسم أو بالملابس المبللة بالماء. ● ضع عازلا على جسمك خلال العمل.	● ضع المواد القابلة للاشتعال في مكان بعيد.	● ضع أدوات وملابس واقية على عينيك وأذنيك وجسمك.

READ AND UNDERSTAND THE MANUFACTURER S INSTRUCTION FOR THIS EQUIPMENT AND THE CONSUMABLES TO BE USED AND FOLLOW YOUR EMPLOYER S SAFETY PRACTICES.

SE RECOMIENDA LEER Y ENTENDER LAS INSTRUCCIONES DEL FABRICANTE PARA EL USO DE ESTE EQUIPO Y LOS CONSUMIBLES QUE VA A UTILIZAR, SIGA LAS MEDIDAS DE SEGURIDAD DE SU SUPERVISOR.

LISEZ ET COMPRENEZ LES INSTRUCTIONS DU FABRICANT EN CE QUI REGARDE CET EQUIPMENT ET LES PRODUITS A ETRE EMPLOYES ET SUIVEZ LES PROCEDURES DE SECURITE DE VOTRE EMPLOYEUR.

LESEN SIE UND BEFOLGEN SIE DIE BETRIEBSANLEITUNG DER ANLAGE UND DEN ELEKTRODENEINSATZ DES HERSTELLERS. DIE UNFALLVERHÜTUNGSVORSCHRIFTEN DES ARBEITGEBERS

1 Keep your head out of fumes. 1 Use ventilation or exhaust to remove fumes from breathing zone.	1 Turn power off before servicing.	1 Do not operate with panel open or guards off.	**WARNING**
1 Los humos fuera de la zona de respiraci n. 1 Mantenga la cabeza fuera de los humos. Utilice ventilaci n o aspiraci n para gases.	1 Desconectar el cable de alimentaci n de poder de la m quina antes de iniciar cualquier servicio.	1 No operar con panel abierto o guardas quitadas.	Spanish **AVISO DE PRECAUCION**
1 Gardez la t te l cart des fum es.	1 D branchez le courant avant l entretien.	1 N op rez pas avec les panneaux ouverts ou avec les dispositifs de protection enlev s.	French **ATTENTION**
1 Utilisez un ventilateur ou un aspirateur pour ter les fum es des zones de travail. 1 Vermeiden Sie das Einatmen von Schweibrauch! 1 Sorgen Sie f r gute Be- und Entl ftung des Arbeitsplatzes!	1 Strom vor Wartungsarbeiten abschalten! (Netzstrom v llig ffnen; Maschine anhalten!) 1 N o opere com as tampas	1 Anlage nie ohne Schutzgeh use oder Innenschutzverkleidung in Betrieb setzen! 1 Mantenha-se afastado das partes moventes.	German **WARNUNG** Portuguese **ATENÇÃO**
● ヒュームから頭を離すようにして下さい。 ● 換気や排煙に十分留意して下さい。	● メンテナンス・サービスに取りかかる際には、まず電源スイッチを必ず切って下さい。	● パネルやカバーを取り外したままで機械操作をしないで下さい。	Japanese **注意事項**
●頭部遠離煙霧。 ●在呼吸區使用通風或排風器除煙。	●維修前切斷電源。	●儀表板打開或沒有安全罩時不準作業。	Chinese **警 告**
● 얼굴로부터 용접가스를 멀리하십시요. ● 호흡지역으로부터 용접가스를 제거하기 위해 가스제거기나 통풍기를 사용하십시요.	● 보수전에 전원을 차단하십시요.	● 판넬이 열린 상태로 작동치 마십시요.	Korean **위 험**
● ابعد رأسك بعيداً عن الدخان. ● استعمل التهوية أو جهاز ضغط الدخان للخارج لكي تبعد الدخان عن المنطقة التي تتنفس فيها.	● اقطع التيار الكهربائي قبل القيام بأية صيانة.	● لا تشغل هذا الجهاز اذا كانت الاغطية الحديدية الواقية ليست عليه.	Arabic **تحذير**

LEIA E COMPREENDA AS INSTRU ˜ES DO FABRICANTE PARA ESTE EQUIPAMENTO E AS PARTES DE USO, E SIGA AS PR TICAS DE SEGURAN A DO EMPREGADOR.

使う機械や溶材のメーカーの指示書をよく読み、まず理解して下さい。そして貴社の安全規定に従って下さい。

請詳細閱讀並理解製造廠提供的説明以及應該使用的銀捍材料，並請遵守貴方的有関勞動保護規定。

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